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▶ A kayaker practises rodeo moves, in preparation for the Capital Cup kayak festival to be held April 30 at Champlain Rapids, Bates Island.

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Ottawa River turns into paddling paradise

Ottawa's paddling community congregated yesterday on Bates Island in the middle of the Ottawa River at Champlain Bridge to enjoy the waves that form at high water levels due to the spring thaw.

House arrest for ex-priest

Convicted for historical indecent assaults

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An 81-year-old ex-priest was convicted and sentenced to house arrest yesterday for indecently assaulting two young men in 1979.

"In this particular case ... Were it not for his advanced age and failing health the Crown would have been seeking a substantial term of real jail," said deputy Crown attorney Meaghan Cunningham.

Two brothers accused William Allen of gratifying himself sexually in the context of a wrestling match. Clothes were worn at the time, said his lawyer Bob Carew.

Allen pleaded not guilty, but did not admit to or dispute the allegations in court, said Carew.

Allen was given a nine-month conditional sentence followed by 12 months of probation. He will be allowed to continue to attend church, said Carew.

Ottawa Archbishop Terrance Prendergast said yesterday he has prohibited Allen from representing himself as a Catholic priest.

"Our diocese is committed to creating a safe environment in the church for minors and other vulnerable persons," Prendergast said in a statement.

"We are also committed to a process of justice and reconciliation for the victims of clergy abuse."
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Runners aim to fund robotic surgical aid

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▶ Kaiya Woodcock, 4, dances with R2D2

Almost 2,000 will spend Father's Day running and walking through Ottawa to raise money for a cutting-edge cancer-fighting tool, organizers of the Alterna Do It For Dad fundraiser announced yesterday.

The charity event raises money to fight men's cancers. This year, organizers hope to raise $500,000 to buy a da Vinci Surgical System — technology that allows surgeons to operate using robotic arms controlled by joysticks.

The Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation announced the fundraising goal by getting an R2D2 robot to roll into city hall's Jean Pigott Place as the theme from Star Wars played.

However, oncologist Rodney Breau explained that R2D2 isn't exactly the kind of robotics used in operating rooms. "It's not an automatic machine that does surgery all by itself," he said. "It's a way we can provide minimally invasive surgery with better vision and better instruments."

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▶ Local broadcaster and cancer fighter Greg Hebert was honoured by Mayor Jim Watson for his cancer foundation fundraising work at the Alterna Do It For Dad event kickoff yesterday afternoon at city hall.

Survivor says beating cancer is a choice

◗ Courageous cancer patient honoured for fundraising work ◗ April 19 named Gregory Hebert Day in Ottawa after local radio broadcaster

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Mayor Jim Watson declared April 19 Gregory Hebert Day in Ottawa, honouring the local radio broadcaster yesterday for making his personal fight against cancer public.

Hebert has shared his story of being diagnosed with synovial-cell sarcoma, fighting it, and ultimately being given months to live.

He spoke yesterday about turning cancer victims into cancer survivors.

"Survivorship happens because we choose to make it happen," said Hebert. "I choose to be positive, I choose to live my life to the fullest extent possible."

Hebert was also presented with the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation Courage Award at the launch of the Do It For Dad fundraiser at city hall yesterday. Hebert has rallied a team together that has raised $32,000 so far. They're aiming to raise $50,000 and they're going to make it, he said.

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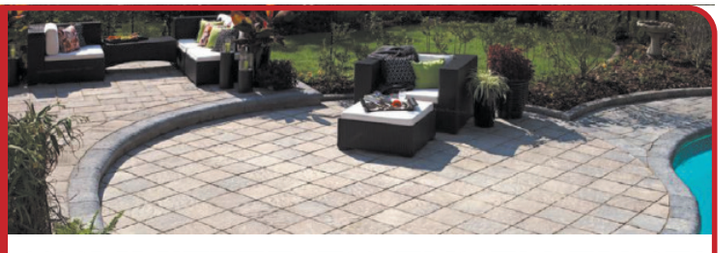

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▶ Arthur Wornum grimaces as he squeezes out another pushup at Gym-Max yesterday.

'Biggest' guy gives losing another try

▶ Man show's most obese ever at 507 lbs. ▶ Has another shot at prize money when he returns to show May 24

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He may have been booted off of The Biggest Loser, but he hasn't given up yet. Arthur Wornum's goal is to lose another 100 pounds by May 24 and yesterday Ottawa's Gym-Max fitness club on Hunt Club Road helped him out.

Wornum left the reality show in January in what he describes as a controversial move but now he is taking a shot at $100,000 with the at-home challenge.

"It's going to be a lofty goal," he said. Through Facebook, he has been getting support from people all over the world, including self-described "biggest fan" Pauline Picotte of Ottawa who helped bring him to Canada.

"When I see the inspiration that my journey is giving people, that's what keeps me going," said Arthur.

He will be shedding off the pounds in Ottawa during his two-week workout schedule.

Election rocks YouTube: Google

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Stephen Harper is the most Googled party leader in the last 30 days, according to Google Canada.

View counts and channel subscriptions of political parties' YouTube pages can be great indicators of party loyalty, says Google Canada.

"That can be an indication of voter interest and maybe that's something that helps with voter turnout," said Andrew Swartz, a Google Canada spokesperson.

Statistics released by APEX Public Relations showed that the Liberal party attracted 201 new subscribers on YouTube between Wednesday and Monday, the most out of any other party.

"Our content speaks for itself: it's easily shareable and YouTube is a great way to reach Canadian voters," said Liberal party spokesperson Mike O'Shaughnessy.

The Conservative video, Our Country, has been viewed 94,000 times and Stephen Harper has remained the most Googled party leader in the last 30 days.

Swartz said the key point is that if Canadians are more engaged, they are more likely to vote in the election. ● JOE LOFARO

Top 10 videos

As of April 18, two of the top 10 most shared videos in Canada are election-related and user-generated:

1. **Dan Kanter** plays HaTikvah at Justin Bieber's concert in Israel 14.4.11
2. **Bruno Mars** — The Lazy Song [Official Video]
3. **T-Mobile Royal** Wedding
4. **Look At Me Now** — Chris Brown ft. Lil Wayne, Busta Rhymes (Cover by @KarminMusic)
5. **An Open Letter** to Canada <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-1R-Y3tLu0>
6. **Liberal Leader** Michael Ignatieff "Rise Up!" Speech <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBPOK9PIw-0>
7. **MTL Stand Up** by Annakin Slayd
8. **A Penguin** Being Tickled
9. **Canucks Rule** - Cee-Lo Green F*** You Parody
10. **[OFFICIAL] UBC LipDub** — Raise Your Glass & Celebrity Status (ft. Marianas Trench and more!) in HD

Fury player goes to FC Edmonton

GRAEME IVORY/FOR METRO

▶ Adrian LeRoy

Ottawa Fury Player Development League defender and Youth Program graduate Adrian LeRoy has signed a professional contract with FC Edmonton of the NASL, the Fury announced yesterday. "I'm really looking forward to this next step in my soccer career," said an excited Adrian LeRoy. "Ever since I joined the Fury as a youth player this has always been my one goal — to play professional soccer."

LeRoy joined the Fury Youth Program in its first year in Ottawa "quickly making an impact at the U16 level," an Ottawa Fury release said. He was part of the Fury Youth system from 2003-2006 that would also seem him join the Carleton University Ravens in 2005 helping them to an OUA Championship. ● METRO

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▶ Host of Fashion Television and fashion icon Jeanne Beker pictured in this file photo, will visit the capital Thursday.

Tea party brings royal wedding style to Ottawa

Sandwiches, scones with clotted cream to be served on tiered platters

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A high tea and fashion show at the Museum of Nature tomorrow will give Ottawans who weren't invited to the royal wedding a chance to enjoy some of its perks.

Formal attire worthy of the upcoming royal wedding, supplied by the St. Laurent Centre, will be modelled in a show presided over by Canadian fashionista Jeanne Beker.

Rather than a typical runway show the models will walk about the guests and be able to answer questions about the pieces.

"It's great to combine fashion, fun and fundraising. With the royal wedding coming, it's a great opportunity to host an afternoon tea," said Bernice Rachkowski, marketing director for the St. Laurent Centre.

The event will be hosted by the CTV's Carol Ann Meehan and adding to the pomp and circumstance of the occasion will be an appearance by the Governor-General's foot guards.

The Royal ParTea is a fundraiser for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.

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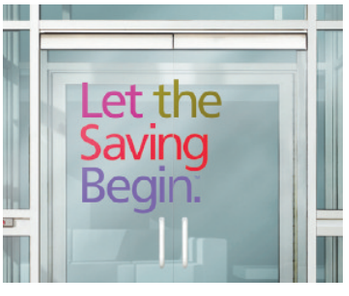

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Hollerado to rock

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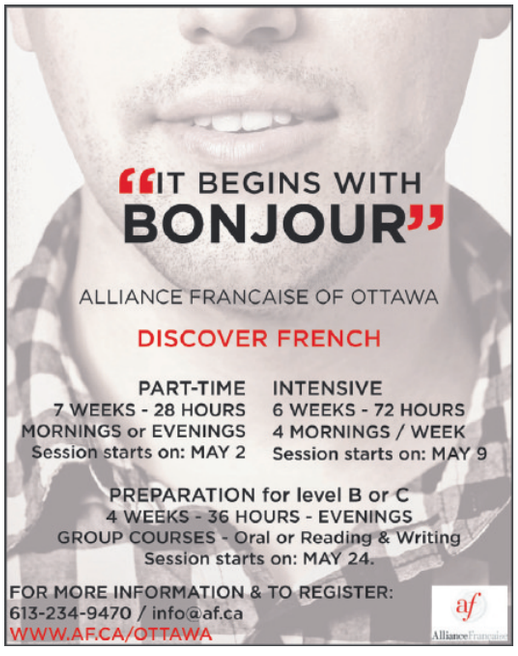

Top artists sign off on stellar theatre

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▶ Ted Dykstra and Richard Greenblatt star in 2 Pianos 4 Hands, a play featured in the NAC's 2011-12 English theatre season.

NAC director hails a 'signature season' ◗ Canadian imprint excels

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A signature season. That's what National Arts Centre artistic director Peter Hinton calls the 2011-12 English theatre lineup he unveiled yesterday.

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Election 2011

A former MP battling to regain his seat in a hotly contested Winnipeg riding says unknown imposters are calling voters on behalf of the party and being rude in order to turn them off voting Liberal in the upcoming federal election.

Liberal Candidate Ray Simard said yesterday he was out door-knocking in the St. Boniface riding Monday afternoon and was told by constituents they had been contacted by someone representing the Liberals and were treated poorly.

Simard said similar calls have been happening to Liberal candidates in at least eight other Canadian ridings.

He suggested the calls may be orchestrated by the Conservatives, but admitted he had no proof.

"It's part of the way these guys do business," he told Metro.

A spokesperson for Conservative MP in the riding Shelly Glover called Simard's comments "unfortunate," and denied Glover's camp had any involvement.

Campaign sabotage

It's not just attack ads that are getting nastier as election day nears — so are the shenanigans.

- A Liberal campaign worker in Brampton, Ont., is charged with pilfering Conservative signs.
- Candidates in Manitoba and Ontario complain voters are receiving harassing late-night phone calls from imposters.
- Liberal candidate in Ontario loses $2,000 worth of signs after bull's-eyes are painted over his head.

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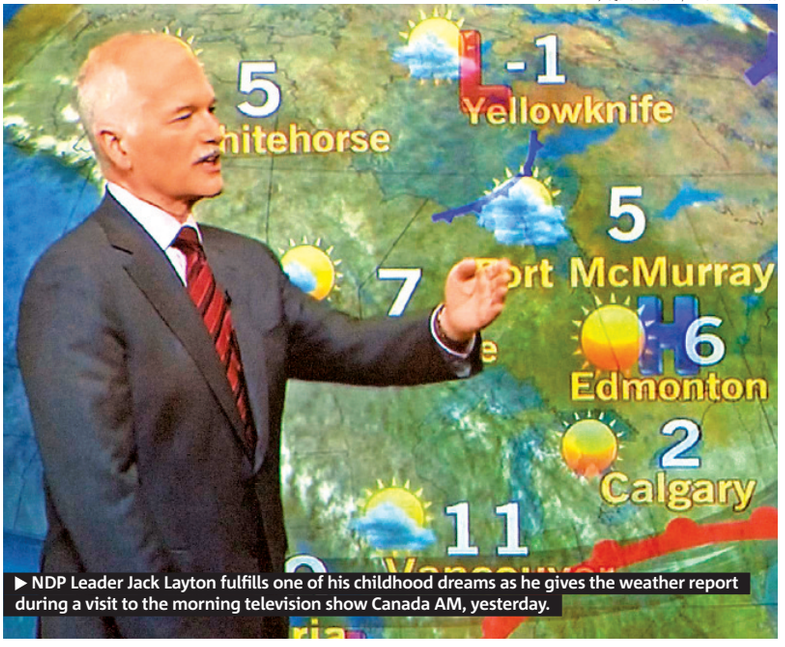

▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton fulfills one of his childhood dreams as he gives the weather report during a visit to the morning television show Canada AM, yesterday.

News in brief

Layton cool with coalition

RESISTANCE. Jack Layton says he's open to some kind of coalition in the next Parliament if the Conservatives fall short of a majority.

But the NDP leader is quick to add the Bloc Québécois won't be part of any coalition cabinet or government.

Although Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has shied away from the idea and Prime Minister Stephen Harper has tried to make "coalition" a dirty word, Layton says he sees nothing wrong with it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Champlain Bridge is not falling down

PRAYERS. The Roman Catholic Church in Montreal is sending a message to motorists as they approach the city's crumbling Champlain Bridge: Say Your Prayers.

The Archdiocese of Montreal hopes the catchy highway billboard will draw attention to the church and encourage people to fill up collection plates over Easter.

A spokeswoman for the archdiocese says there's nothing morbid about the ad because authorities have assured the public there is no danger the Champlain will suddenly collapse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cause of death still unknown

WEBCAM. Toronto police say they still don't know what caused the death of a woman found dead in her apartment Friday near York University. Police say an autopsy on Qian Liu, 23, of Beijing, failed to show the cause and toxicology tests are still being done. Theories have been swirling since news broke that Qian was last seen via a webcam struggling with a man. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper mum on minority 'what ifs'

Stephen Harper is refusing to say whether he'd stay on as Conservative leader if he fails to win a majority.

The prime minister says he won't take the bait on the question and insists he's campaigning to win.

Harper was in Thunder Bay, Ont., talking up the Tory plan to spend $100 million on a fund to support brain research and neuroscience.

He's hammering home the message that only a Conservative majority government can deliver on health-care funding and critical medical research. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"You know I'm not going to take the bite on that one ... We're in the election to win."
STEPHEN HARPER, WHEN ASKED IF HE'D STAY ON IF DENIED A MAJORITY

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Women and Hair Loss:

What Causes Women to Lose Their Hair?

It is normal for women to lose 100-125 hairs a day, as these hairs are replaced in the next growth period called the anagen phase. It is when these hairs do not grow back, or when daily hair shedding exceeds 125 hairs that you should consult an expert about hair loss.

Unlike men's hair loss which typically occurs in the crown (back of the head), at the temples and frontal area, women's hair loss occurs in a diffuse pattern spread throughout the scalp mostly on the top of the head.

Here are a few factors that influence hair loss with women:

DIET: Rapid weight loss, insufficient stomach acids, iron deficiency, low protein, zinc and vitamin intake can all trigger hair loss by forcing hairs into a dormant or non-growth stage. Excessive dieting also causes hormone shifts, and in turn hair loss. Hair loss is one of the major symptoms of anorexia and bulimia.

HORMONES: Hormone imbalance is arguably the most common cause of hair loss in females. Menopause - 1/3 of women are susceptible to noticeable thinning of the hair after menopause, when production of the female hormone estrogen slows down dramatically or stops all together.

PREGNANCY: Childbirth almost always causes some degree of temporary hair loss, sometimes occurring after a delay of a few months. Often this hair will grow back over time but if it becomes an issue, you may need to consult a hair loss expert.

BIRTH CONTROL PILLS: The discontinuation of birth control pills can create hormone shifts which can cause hair loss. Hair loss may be delayed by three months or more following the hormonal change and may take another three months or more before new growth is fully achieved.

ILLNESS: A serious illness or a physical stress, such as childbirth, can trigger dramatic (but temporary) hair loss of up to 50 percent, but this only occurs in extreme circumstances.

GENETICS: Female pattern hair loss results from a genetic predisposition caused by an abnormal reaction to normal hormone levels, or a normal reaction to abnormally elevated hormone levels.

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Hope amid the rubble

A Japanese soldier grins as he cradles a tiny baby in a fuzzy pink blanket, plucked from the second storey of a wreckage-blocked house three days after a powerful earthquake and tsunami flattened much of the country's northeastern coastline.

The moment — captured by a photographer from leading Japanese newspaper Yomiuri and published by newspapers and websites worldwide — evoked a rare glimmer of hope amid so much destruction and death from the March 11 disasters that killed an estimated 26,000 people.

Weeks later, five-month-old Iroha Ishikawa is now healthy and safe, living at a shelter inside an elementary school with her parents in Ishinomaki, 320 kilometres northeast of Tokyo.

"We stayed there for two days with nothing to eat or drink, except for what the baby had."
MOTHER YUKI ISHIKAWA RECALLS THE RESCUE OF HER FAMILY

"I'm happy that we were rescued, but there is a lot of sadness behind it — many families didn't make it," the infant's mother, Yuki Ishikawa, tells The Associated Press.

Ishikawa, 41, says she was home with her baby daughter on the Friday afternoon when the magnitude-9 earthquake hit, rattling her home and toppling furniture.

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▶ A Japan Self-Defense Force member reacts after rescuing four-month-old baby girl Iroha Ishikawa in Ishinomaki, northern Japan, three days after a powerful tsunami hit the country's east coast in March.

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other, Yuki Ishikawa, 41, on April 8, ing at a shelter inside an elementary shinomaki.

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Some get massages, others stay cramped

Starkly different realities reported in Japan's shelters ◐ Near Tokyo, evacuees get entertainment and baths ◐ Government blames logistics

The evacuee families in the school gym outside Tokyo are bound by their suffering to those in shelters closer to the disaster zone.

But the conditions they live in now as they try put their lives back together are markedly different.

At the school in Kisai, a 90-minute drive north of Tokyo, masseurs tend to creaky joints. A bus arrives several times a day to ferry people to public baths. Volunteers help seniors make coloured paper crafts. Then there are the frequent visitors who provide free entertainment — from professional athletes to military bands.

Several hundred kilometres to the north, families are crammed into every spare bit of floor space at a community hall at Natori — under the stairs, in the hallways, along the large windows in the front. At another shelter in Ishinomaki, some people have taken to sleeping in their cars for privacy, using cardboard or newspaper to cover the windows.

The government says it is not discriminating against anyone in the relief effort, but it is having a harder time reaching people further from the main cities and closer to the destruction.

"It's a matter of logistics," said Toshiki Agou, a health ministry official in charge of living conditions at the shelters. "Some shelters are located in areas where roads are blocked."

Tens of thousands were made homeless by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, which left 27,000 people dead or missing and damaged a nuclear plant in Fukushima.

The government says those living near the nuclear plant won't likely be able to return home for six to nine months or maybe longer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seeking shelter

About 135,000 people are living in schools, gymnasiums and community centres.

- **Displaced.** The government is racing to build temporary homes for them — a process expected to take five months.
- **Chance.** Some evacuees found spots at the Grand Prince Hotel Akasaka, an upscale resort in Tokyo near the Imperial Palace that once charged 150,000 yen ($1,750) a night.

Anti-nuclear protesters invade Queen's Park

Four Greenpeace Canada activists have been arrested after occupying the offices of Energy Minister Brad Duguid at Queen's Park yesterday.

A handful of protesters took part in a sit-in at the energy minister's office to protest the province's plans to build new nuclear reactors without considering green alternatives.

Greenpeace spokesman Keith Stewart says a comparison of renewable energy sources versus nuclear was ruled out of the scope of recent hearings into new reactors at the Darlington generating station. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Controlling air traffic on job or remote control?

After many sleep on job, one air traffic controller caught watching film

An air traffic controller has been suspended for watching a movie when he was supposed to be monitoring aircraft, deepening the Federal Aviation Administration's embarrassment following at least five cases of controllers sleeping on the job.

In the latest incident, the controller was watching a movie on a DVD player early Sunday morning while on duty at a regional radar centre in Oberlin, Ohio, near Cleveland that handles high-altitude air traffic, the FAA said in a statement Monday.

"None of us in this business can ... tolerate any of this. It absolutely has to stop."
RANDY BABBITT, FAA ADMINISTRATOR

The controller's microphone was inadvertently activated, transmitting the audio of the movie — the 2007 crime thriller Cleaner, starring Samuel L. Jackson — for more than three minutes to all the planes in the airspace that the controller was supposed to be monitoring, the agency said.

The controller's microphone became stuck in the transmit position, preventing him from hearing incoming radio calls or issuing instructions to planes during the incident, the agency said.

The controller was alerted to the mishap when he was contacted by a military pilot.

Besides the controller, the FAA also has suspended a manager at the Oberlin centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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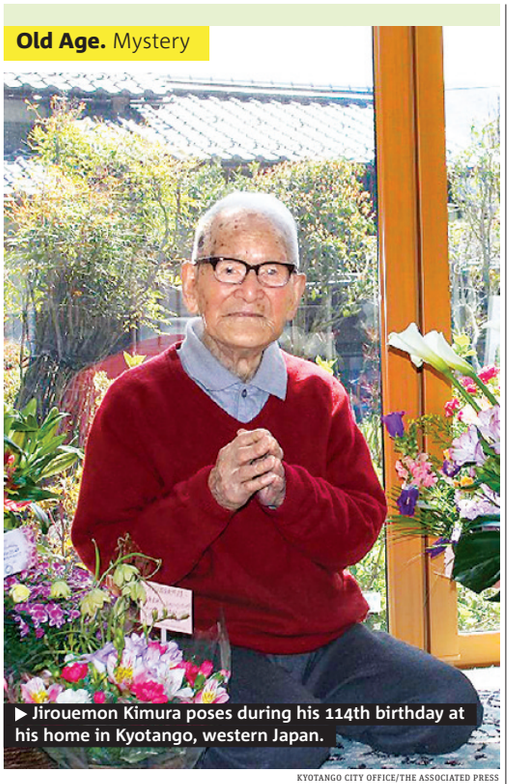

▶ Jirouemon Kimura poses during his 114th birthday at his home in Kyotango, western Japan.

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Don't worry, be thankful

The world's oldest man said on his 114th birthday yesterday that his longevity was a mystery even to himself, but noted that his motto was not to worry and always be thankful. He celebrated at home with a breakfast of grilled fish with steamed rice and red beans.

Serial rapist gets death penalty, appeals

116 Between 1993 and 2009, 46-year-old Dai Qingcheng raped 116 women.

A Chinese farmer has appealed the death sentence he was given for raping 116 women, a state-run newspaper said yesterday.

Dai Qingcheng, 46, was given the death penalty in December for raping the women between 1993 and 2009 in Anhui province in eastern China, the China Daily reported.

The paper said he appealed to the Higher People's Court of Anhui, but did not say when the case would be heard.

Dai usually preyed on the wives of migrant workers who had gone to bigger cities for work, the report said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASA prepares for penultimate shuttle mission

535 laid off in last round of cutbacks ◗ Equipment is obsolete

NASA's next-to-last space shuttle flight is set to begin late next week, and special preparations are underway in case the commander's wife, wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, is able to attend.

Endeavour is scheduled to blast off April 29 on its final voyage, the second last before the shuttle program ends. Mission managers set the launch date yesterday.

The mission will be led by Mark Kelly, Giffords' husband. He is awaiting doctors' permission for his wife to attend the afternoon launch.

Giffords was critically wounded in Tucson, Ariz., three months ago and has been undergoing extensive rehabilitation at a hospital in Houston, home to Kelly and the rest of the astronaut corps.

"Hope she comes, but I don't know if she will or not," said launch director Mike Leinbach.

Leinbach said there are security issues to deal with if Giffords travels to Florida for the liftoff.

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Endeavour

It will be the 134th shuttle mission overall and the 25th for Endeavour, NASA's youngest shuttle.

- **Only one other** launch remains, by Atlantis at the end of June, as the shuttle program draws to a close.

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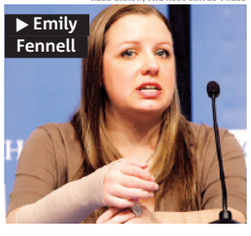

▶ Emily Fennell

Second-hand donation

For the first time in five years, Emily Fennell has two hands.

The 26-year-old single mother, who lost her right hand in a car accident, showed off her newly donated hand yesterday while flanked by a team of transplant doctors.

Wearing a protective cast with her fingers poking out, Fennell admitted she's still getting used to it.

"I do feel like it's mine. Slowly but surely, every day it becomes more and more mine," she said.

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News in brief

Kindergarten gunslinger

HOUSTON. A kindergartner who yesterday brought a loaded gun to his Houston elementary school was among three students injured when it fired after falling from his pocket as he sat down for lunch, officials said.

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Two dead in school fight

RIVALS. Tunisia's official news agency says two high school students have died and 43 others have been injured during a school brawl. A boy was stabbed to death and a girl trampled to death in a fight between two students from rival tribes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadarm endeavours to lend hand

The head of the Canadian Space Agency says discussions are taking place about how the Canadarm can be used on commercial spacecraft. But Canadian astronaut Steve MacLean says he doesn't know how it could be used. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Canadarm2 on the docked space shuttle Discovery.

Staying relevant

- **It was on April 19, 2001** that Canadarm2 was launched to the space station on board Space Shuttle Endeavour.
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Chinese activists succeed in rescue

Blockade to save dogs a rare victory for activism in China Authorities locking up demonstrators lately over fears pro-democracy rallies in Middle East could catch on

After spotting a truck packed with hundreds of whimpering dogs on a Beijing highway, a man put out a call on a blog begging fellow animal lovers to help him force the driver to release the animals.

Around 200 people responded, blockading the truck at a toll booth for 15 hours until they finally negotiated the dogs' release for $17,000, saving them from being slaughtered and served as food. Many of the animals were dehydrated, injured and suffering from a potentially deadly virus; at least 68 have been hospitalized.

Video footage taken at the site and provided to The Associated Press yesterday showed the animals hunched over or lying down in cramped metal crates in the back of the truck, many barking and whining.

"They were squeezing and pressing on each other and some were biting and fighting, and I saw some were injured or sick," according to Li Wei, who is the manager of Capital Animal Welfare Association and one of the people who participated in the rescue. Li said at least one dog had died in the truck.

"I was very surprised ... and I wanted to help," said volunteer Chen Yang.

The blockade may be more remarkable for what it shows about changes in Chinese society over the past decade as fantastic economic growth has bred a middle class with new sensibilities.

"Dogs were historically on the food list in China and South Korea, while they were loved in Western countries."
LU YUNFENG, A SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR AT PEKING UNIVERSITY

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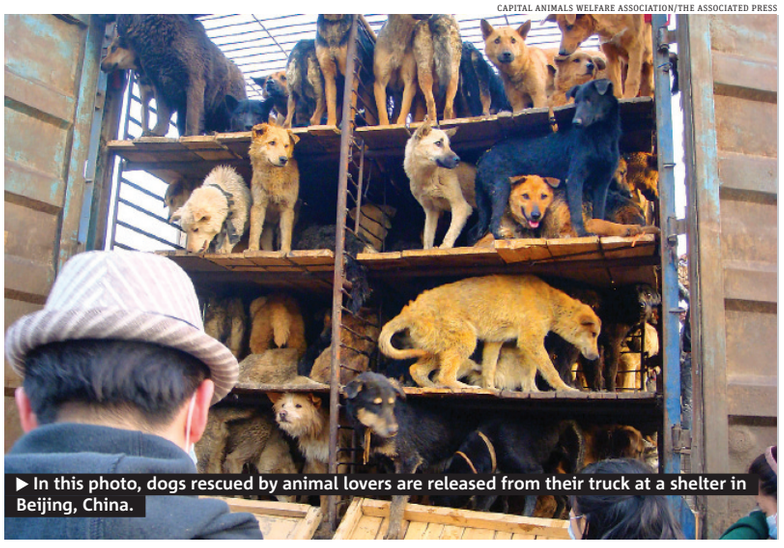

▶ In this photo, dogs rescued by animal lovers are released from their truck at a shelter in Beijing, China.

Pets vs. food

- **Pet ownership** was once rare in China because the Communist Party condemned it as bourgeois and most people couldn't afford to own cats or dogs.
- **Both animals** were typically eaten, and last weekend's rescue has set off a debate that underscores the clash between those age-old traditions and the country's growing animal rights movement.
- **One example** of that tension is the police response to the rescue, saying there was no legal reason to hold the truck.

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U.K. to aid Libyan rebels with intel, not weapons

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe says he is 'totally hostile' to deploying ground troops

Britain said yestserday it would send about a dozen senior soldiers to Libya to help organize the country's haphazard rebel forces, as international allies seek to aid the opposition's attempts to break the military stalemate.

Foreign Secretary William Hague said the U.K. military advisers would join British diplomats already co-operating with rebel leaders in the eastern rebel-held city of Benghazi, but insisted they would not help arm the opposition or assist in military operations against strongman Moammar Gadhafi's forces.

About a dozen U.K. military personnel, including officers with logistical and intelligence expertise, will work with the National Transitional Council, the political wing of the rebel movement — which has been officially recognized by Italy, France and Qatar.

Britain has said it would not become involved in directly supplying weapons to Libya's rebels, but has sent non-lethal assistance such as 1,000 sets of body armour and 100 satellite phones.

In Rome, Italy's foreign minister Franco Frattini said allies would also consider supplying rebels with technical equipment like radars or telecom blocking systems.

Italy, however, remains opposed to sending ground troops, Frattini said, following talks with the leader of the Libyan rebels' transitional government, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil.

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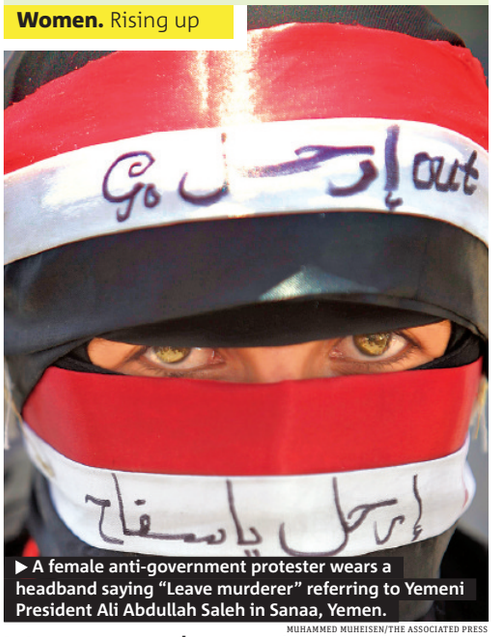
Women. Rising up



▶ A female anti-government protester wears a headband saying "Leave murderer" referring to Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh in Sanaa, Yemen.

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Yemen deteriorating

Yemeni security forces opened fire on anti-government protesters yesterday, killing at least three amid rising international concern over the strategically located nation. Human Rights groups say 120 have died during the protests.

Emergency rule ditched

Syria did away with 50 years of emergency rule yesterday, but emboldened and defiant crowds accused President Bashar Assad of simply trying to buy time while he clings to power in one of the most repressive regimes in the Middle East.

Repealing the state of emergency, which gives authorities almost boundless powers of surveillance and arrest, was once the key demand of the month-long uprising. But the protest movement has crossed a significant threshold, with increasing numbers now seeking nothing less than the downfall of the regime.

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Most of Syria's 23 million people were born or grew up under the strict control of the state of emergency.

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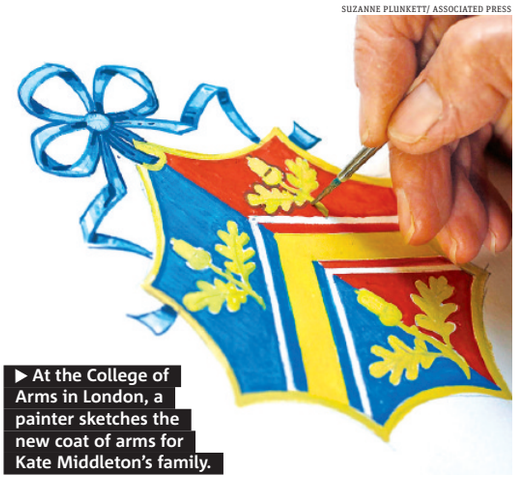

▶ At the College of Arms in London, a painter sketches the new coat of arms for Kate Middleton's family.

Security details unveiled

Massive operation with 5,000 officers assigned for royal wedding
Teams have been checking wedding route
Will cost millions in OT

British police have rejected a request by a small band of radical Islamists to stage a protest outside Prince William and Kate Middleton's royal wedding venue April 29, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

Metropolitan Police assistant commissioner Lynne Owens said Muslims Against Crusades would not be allowed to demonstrate outside Westminster Abbey and "ongoing discussions" were underway as to whether the group would be allowed to hold a protest nearby.

Police said they are also negotiating with the far-right English Defence League, which has said it plans to hold a shadow protest if the Muslim group's application was successful.

Police yesterday released some details of their huge security operation for the wedding, saying 5,000 uniformed and undercover officers would be assigned to the event.

The wedding will be attended by a large collection of royals, politicians and VIPs including Queen Elizabeth II and about 50 other heads of state. That poses a severe security challenge, especially since the royal entourage will use a parade route publicly announced several months ahead of time.

Police expect huge crowds to throng the parade route from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace.

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Just sayin'

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It's not hard to make me crazy. All you have to do is promote one of the following Big Lies:

The Holocaust never happened. It's just a way for Israel to justify its existence ... 9-11 was an inside job ... The world is only 6,000 years old and dinosaurs walked claw in hand with Fred Flintstone ... The moon landing never happened. It was filmed on a Hollywood back lot ... Global warming is a hoax perpetrated by scientists who don't want to lose their grants ... Barack Obama wasn't really born in the U.S. He's not an American citizen, so he's not eligible to be president.

To the people reading this column who believe any or all of the above, I have a bridge you might want to buy. It spans some unbelievably cheap land in Florida that is also for sale.

To Donald Trump, who is playing the "Obama is not an American" card to launch his U.S. presidential bid, I say shame on you. I didn't think you could sink much lower than Celebrity Apprentice, but apparently you're just getting warmed up.

So what if every credible news organization has verified that Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Aug. 4, 1961. The "birther" conspiracy theorists, a group entirely composed of rednecks from south of the Mason-Dixon Line (and opportunistic Republicans like the Donald) refuse to believe it.

They believe Obama was born in Kenya. Or held dual citizenship — British/Indonesian/Kenyan — whatever.

This even though Obama has produced a birth certificate from a Honolulu hospital, legal in every aspect, documenting his birth. Pshaw, say the birthers. If he was really born in Hawaii, he would be able to produce the long form — by implication, the real thing that can't be forged. But there was no long form in Hawaii. Obama's certificate is the only form, and it goes with a long string of other evidence: For example, birth notices in the local papers from the Hawaii Department of Health.

None of this cuts the mustard with the Donald, who has decided Obama needs to be fired.

And while mainstream Republicans are slowly backing away from Trump and his ridiculous allegations, the latest poll has him No. 2 among Republican hopefuls, below Mitt Romney, but above Mike Huckabee and Sarah Palin.

And he's on a roll, endorsed by Celebrity Apprentice contestant Gary Busey, who obviously doesn't care the boss is pandering to a blatant lie perpetrated by a bunch of racists who will do anything to get that black guy out of the Oval Office.

Ignorance is alive and well and living on cable.

And it has a really bad comb-over.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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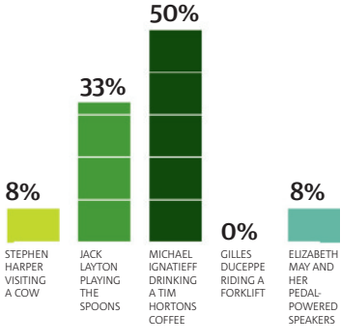
Who has made use of the best campaign prop in the election so far?



Local tweets

- **@tara shields:** And people thought spring was here ... RT @BlacksWeather: Tue noon. Snowfall warning issued for Upper Gatineau http://bit.ly/dltNXc
- **@DLPhotography:** Please help me find #Ottawa's Most Inspirational Mom by nominating a fabulous Mom that you know! http://tinyurl.com/42a2jtg
- **@JH5promotions:** women and prison, important play april 29 http://www.jh-5.com/event-a1u.html #women #prison #ottawa
- **@alox:** Pray tell, why would a city have coffee shops that close at 7 pm? #ott #yow #Ottawa
- **@coldcanuck:** It drives me friggen nuts having to wait for people to back into a parking spot that would take them a third of the time to back out of
- **@ClaudiaPetrilli:** WINGS!!! (@ Clock Tower Brew Pub) http://4sq.com/f77yl2
- **@OhMAN:** This @woodhands cover of Papa Don't Preach on the @PaperBagRecordsMadonna cover album is amazing. http://bit.ly/iaEUro

Worth mentioning

VIENNA, Austria. Austrian Wildlife authorities are hopping mad that efforts to save the local frog population are being hampered by Italian poachers.

Officials in the Austrian province of Carinthia said yesterday poachers are collecting frogs from the roadside buckets they have been guided into to save them from busy highways, and are then smuggling them home to Italian dinner tables.

Frogs' legs are a delicacy in some parts of Italy. Officials told Austrian state television yesterday that the victims tend to be those with the meatiest thighs.

Frogs attempting to cross some Austrian highways are channelled by a series of fences into roadside buckets. Once a day, volunteers collect the buckets and carry the amphibians to the other side of the road and set them free. But "the Italians strike before the frog pickers come," said Carinthian environmental official Bernhard Gutleb.

Nearly one-third of the world's 6,485 frog species are on the brink of extinction, according to Save The Frogs.

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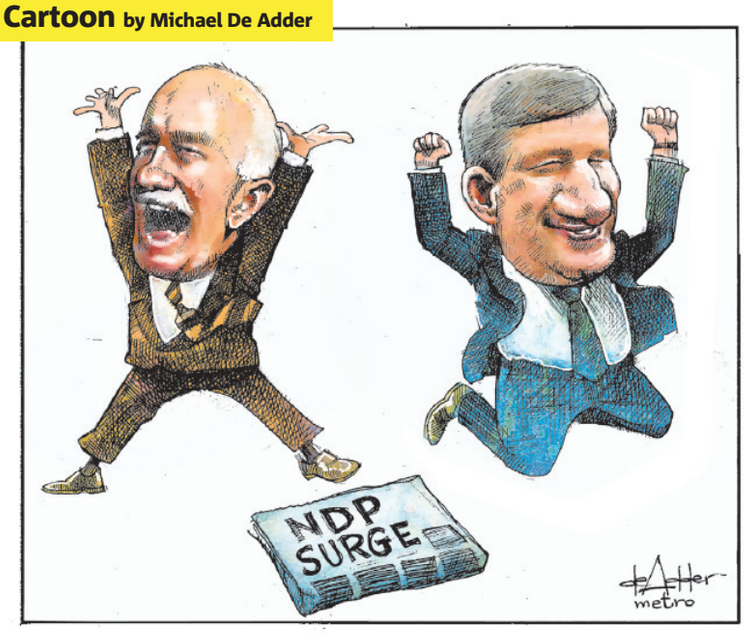

WEIRD NEWS

Their families must be so proud of them

The U.S. sheriff known for dressing inmates in pink underwear and feeding them green baloney is inviting people to choose the most popular jail booking photos posted on his website.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio allows online users to browse through the photos and then vote on their favourites that will be highlighted on a "Mugshot of the Day" section.

▶ Infamous mug: Nick Nolte in 2002.

The top picks so far aren't unexpected: They are the most dishevelled, unusual looking people among those booked into an Arizona jail.

Arpaio says he hopes the increased web traffic will highlight the work of his employees.

He also says more crimes may be uncovered if the public can view the photos.

The website is www.mcso.org.

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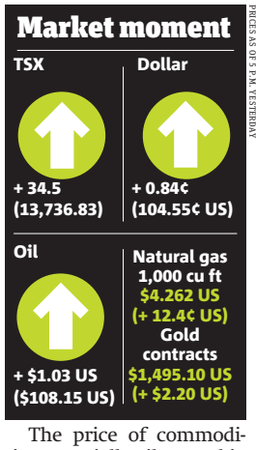
Inflation spike, interest hike?

Almost everything cost more last month If it's a trend, not a fluke, look for interest rates to follow suit

Canada's annual inflation rate, which had been bucking global trends, leaped to 3.3 per cent, with both the yearly reading and last month's measure rising by 1.1 points.

It was the biggest single-month jump in inflation since the eve of the 2008 recession, and was well above the consensus call for a 0.6 per cent gain.

The Bank of Canada's mandate is to keep inflation within a range of one to three per cent and as close as possible to two per cent. Last month's spike sharply increases prospects that consumers will soon see higher interest rates.



The price of commodities, especially oil, was a big part of the inflation surge, but almost everything was costlier compared to February and last year.

Statistics Canada said all eight of the components it tracks were up, including food, which was 3.3 per cent higher than last year.

The only good news is that core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as gasoline, remained anchored at 1.7 per cent.

The bank gets one more look at inflation before it has to decide about interest rates on May 31. A lot will depend on whether prices, particularly the core that points to future inflation, breaches the two per cent target. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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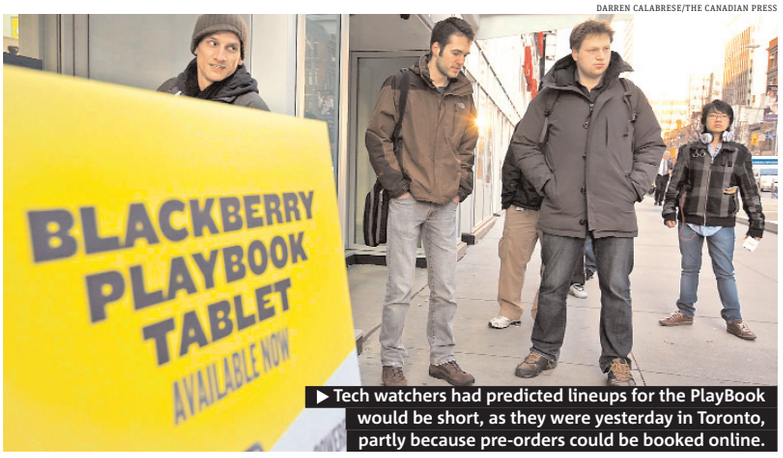

▶ Tech watchers had predicted lineups for the PlayBook would be short, as they were yesterday in Toronto, partly because pre-orders could be booked online.

All quiet on the PlayBook front

There were no jostling crowds of tech-hungry geeks lining up for the launch today of the PlayBook tablet by BlackBerry maker Research in Motion — a stark contrast with the launch of rival Apple's iPad 2 last month.

But experts caution that comparing the two devices is like comparing apples to blackberries — the iPad is beloved by consumers, while the PlayBook is aimed at businesses.

The lack of hoopla surrounding the PlayBook debut seemed irrelevant to Ian Chan, who was first in line at 6 a.m. outside a Best Buy store in Toronto for the 7 a.m. launch.

Chan said he thought the PlayBook was worth lining up for because it is smaller than the iPad, which makes it easier to travel with.

At the flagship Sears Canada store in downtown Toronto, James Tetreault, divisional merchandise manager of electronics, said the store presold more than 150 units, which he considered successful for a new technology product. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's rich did it on their own: Survey

Many of Canada's richest people weren't born that way, as some suppose; they earned it, says a Harris Decima survey commissioned by BMO Harris Private Banking.

The survey shows that 94 per cent of Canadians with more than $1 million available to invest are self-made. Only six per cent said they owe most of their wealth to inheritance.

Andrew Auerbach, vice-president of BMO Harris Private Banking in Toronto, said if the survey were to look at what he called "ultra-high-net-worth families," those with more than $10 million in investable assets, the slant toward the self-made would be greater.

The main point to be taken from the survey is that Canadians should feel good about living in a country where upward mobility is possible. "These findings speak to the strong entrepreneurial environment in which we live," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rags to riches

- **There are about 550,000** Canadian households with more than $1 million in investable assets, representing some 60 per cent of the country's private wealth.
- **About 80 per cent are** wealthier than their parents were, and 77 per cent say they are better off today than they were before the 2008 recession, which suggests they have recovered any stock-market losses.
- **However, asked if they** thought their children were well prepared to manage their inheritance, only 58 per cent said yes.
- **Some 70 per cent said** they believe it is important to give back to their community, with 59 per cent saying the recession had no impact on their charitable donations.

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Making music

Jeff Bridges is working on a new album that will be his major-label debut. The Oscar-winning actor has signed with EMI's Blue Note Records and is working with his Crazy Heart collaborator T Bone Burnett on an album that will include original material and the work of other songwriters.

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MTV plans inaugural O Music Awards in Las Vegas to honour digital music and fans

Translating success

Jessie J recorded 600 songs for debut CD Talks about school with Adele, writing songs for Miley Cyrus

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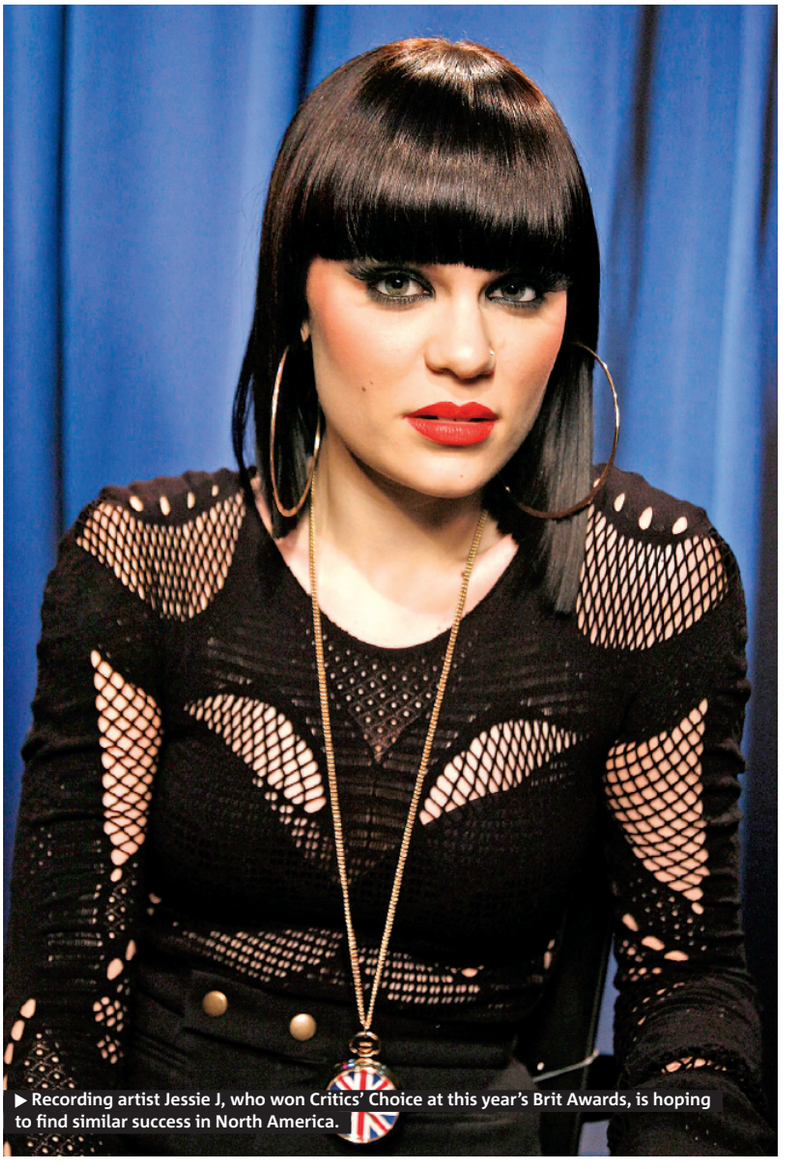

▶ Recording artist Jessie J, who won Critics' Choice at this year's Brit Awards, is hoping to find similar success in North America.

Jessie J spent the last seven years crafting songs for her debut CD. And in that time she came up with a whopping 600 tracks.

"(It) isn't that many 'cause it's less than 100 a year," she said. "(There are) the bad ones that no one will ever hear ... (but) I was young and the thing is, you have to write the bad ones to kind of know when something is good."

Luckily, the 23-year-old found 13 songs good enough to make it on her first album.

Price Tag, which features rapper B.o.B, hit the Top 40 on the Billboard chart last week.

B.o.B is the only featured artist on your debut. Why him?

If I was a male rapper — which obviously I'm not — (but) if I was, I think I'd be like him, and maybe (be) called like J.o.B. ... I remember he got played the song, he loved it and I did like five plane journeys in like four days and chased him around the U.S. to make sure I was there (for the recording), so it was an experience.

"You have to write the bad ones to kind of know when something is good."

JESSIE J TALKING ABOUT WRITING 600 SONGS FOR HER ALBUM

So you went to high school with Adele — how was that?

She was in music and I was in musical theatre. ... We used to jam at lunch time and someone would play guitar and we both would just sing. ... At the time we both didn't know we'd have, like, albums out at the same time. And she's killing it. I'm so proud of her. ... (At school) she was very kind of loud and everyone knew her and she was the girl everyone loved and up for a laugh and you could hear her laugh from a mile down the corridor.

Talk about writing Miley Cyrus' Party In the USA.

That was my first week of writing after I signed to (Universal) Republic (Records), so it was like the first big kind of writing session for my debut album ... and it was one of the first songs we did. And I remember thinking this song is amazing, but I don't know if it's me 110 per cent, you know. You can kind of feel it. It was cool but it wasn't edgy enough.

It was a big deal for Miley though.

There are so many friends of mine that would say, 'I would never, ever, ever listen to Miley Cyrus, like, as Hannah Montana' and it kind of brought her over to another style.

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CIRCUS MOVIES HAVE IT ALL

In Focus

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The circus is a magical blend of drama, comedy, music and wonderful things you can't see at home, unless of course, you live next door to Bozo the Clown.

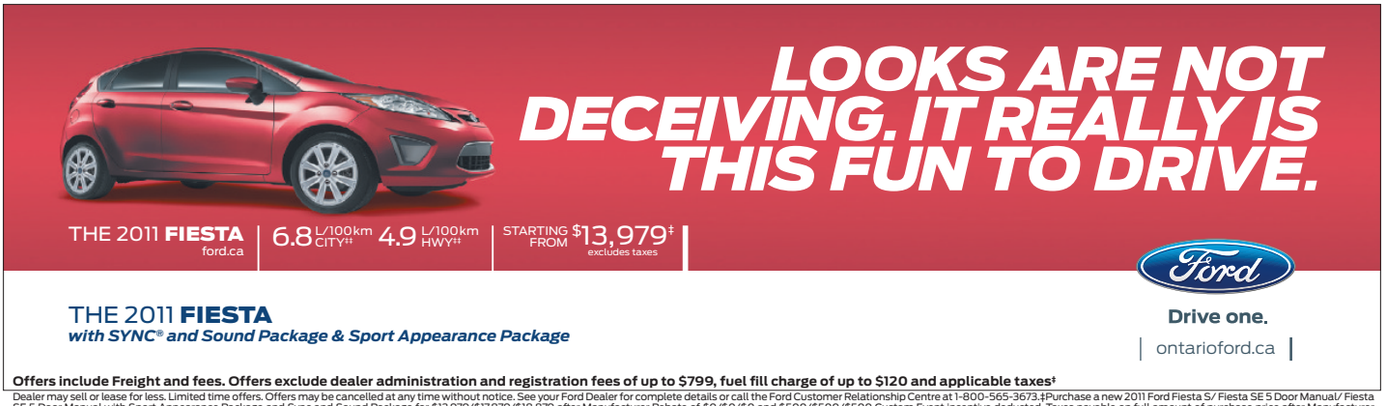
This weekend Water for Elephants, an historical drama starring Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon takes us backstage at the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth.

The most famous circus movie is probably The Greatest Show on Earth, Cecil B. DeMille's story of love, crime and clowns under the big top. Today the film—which was named one of the 100 Most Amusingly Bad Movies Ever Made by the Golden Raspberry folks—is most notable for making Charlton Heston a star and as the first movie that Steven Spielberg ever saw.

If DeMille's movie is the most famous circus movie, then Freaks is certainly the most notorious. Set in the world of a funfair sideshow it features a cast primarily made up of actual carnival performers—like Elizabeth Green the Stork Woman and Prince Randian a.k.a. the Human Torso—to tell the story of a beautiful trapeze artists who agrees to marry a deformed sideshow performer for his money. As a young man director Tod Browning (who also helmed Dracula) had been a member of a travelling circus and that experience brought such a horrifying realism to the story that one woman threatened to sue MGM, claiming the film had caused her to suffer a miscarriage.

And speaking of sideshow attractions; these days Benicio Del Toro is known as a serious actor, an Academy Award winner who is sometimes jokingly been referred to as the "Spanish Brad Pitt." That's a long way from his first role, human oddity Duke the Dog-Faced Boy in Big Top Pee-wee. Despite earning reviews like, "If there's a lower form of comedy than circus humor I've yet to encounter it," star Paul Reubens once said that "Big Top Pee-wee is "at least as good as Police Academy."

▶ Big Top Pee-wee stars Paul Reubens.



Opinion

STEVE COLLINS

OTTAWA A FORGOTTEN CITY AMID ELECTION

The nation's capital has a funny way of disappearing from the map during election campaigns.

We've heard a great deal about a stadium in Quebec, a hydro project in Newfoundland and an all-weather highway in the North, but precious little about local projects like light rail, the widening of the Queensway or that new interprovincial bridge, location to be announced.

When Ottawa does get a mention, it's usually some politico claiming it's "broken," using the name of our city as a shorthand for all that is out-of-touch about our national politics, as if Canadians don't live here in equal disappointment with what our political class serves up.

Under "broken," see our infrastructure. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities estimates that cities are running a $123-billion infrastructure deficit, and our own deficiencies are apparent to everyone except, apparently, candidates for office.

Parts of our sewer and water system date back to Sir John A. Macdonald's time, and the system displays an unfortunate tendency to dump its payload into the river when it rains.

If the national campaigns seem a bit quiet on city problems in general, they are downright mute on Ottawa.

The public service lives here in great numbers, and Ottawa West-Nepean MP John Baird has at least taken pains to assure them that the coming years of budget-trimming won't endanger their jobs.

Not promised anywhere in the campaign, however, is the political independence of that public service, which many believe has been undermined by the high-profile sackings of nuclear safety boss Linda Keen and others who have disagreed with the government.

The absence of Ottawa's issues from the national campaign would be easier to take if some local efforts didn't seem equally half-assed.

In Ottawa South Monday night, Tory candidate Elie Salibi and the NDP's James McLaren were both no-shows at an all-candidates' debate, leaving Liberal David McGuinty to spar over local matters with the Green and Pirate candidates.

In my own riding of Ottawa-Vanier, among the safest Liberal seats in the country, the campaign's a snore so far, and I wonder at the sincerity of other parties' attempts to break decades of Grit hegemony.

Of the local candidates, only Conservative Rem Westland has so far even sent someone to drop off a leaflet at my place. The pamphlet mentions a grand total of three local issues, and one of those is that Liberals have held the riding too long.

YOU ASKED,

Metro readers submitted questions for the five parties Here's what they had to say ...

Tomorrow at 2 p.m., join us for a live chat as our crack urban affairs team responds to the parties' answers — what's working, what isn't and what's missing from the federal agenda. Speak up at metronews.ca and on Twitter using #elxn41urban."

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▶ Stephen Harper

CONSERVATIVES

1 **Many immigrants to Canada are encouraged and allowed to move here based on their professional experience or credentials, only to discover once they arrive that their credentials are not recognized. What role should the federal government play in addressing this problem?**

In 2009, we invested $50 million over two years ... to streamline the recognition process in a number of important occupations and made it easier for foreign-trained Canadians to use their skills and expertise in Canada. But some foreign-trained workers still have difficulty paying for ... the foreign credential recognition process. A re-elected Stephen Harper Government will provide bridge loans to help recent immigrants pay for the training and skills upgrading needed for their foreign credentials to be recognized.

2 **Other G8 countries have national transit strategies, but in Canada federal investments in public transit tend to be ad hoc, which many big-city mayors have argued leads to worse planning and less efficient spending. Does Canada need a national transit strategy, and if so, what should it look like?**

In the past two years alone, we have worked with municipal and provincial partners to undertake more than 28,500 projects, many transit-related from coast-to-coast. A re-elected Stephen Harper Government will continue to support Canadian communities according to their unique needs. We introduced the transit tax credit to encourage Canadians to take public transit, reducing traffic in major city centres.

3 **According to Statistics Canada, the crime rate has been declining since the early 1990s, yet concern about crime in urban areas seems to be on the rise. How do you reconcile this discrepancy?**

We have passed a number of pieces of legislation to protect the vulnerable and to hold criminals accountable. We have also invested in youth gang prevention and other initiatives to encourage Canadians to stay clear of criminal activities. A re-elected Conservative government will build on our strong record by enacting legislation to end the sentence discount for child pornography and child sex offenders and toughening penalties for elder abuse.

4 **According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, only $8 of every $100 Canadians spend on taxes goes to cities, yet cities are struggling to pay for infrastructure, policing, housing and many of the government services city residents actually interact with most on a day-to-day basis. What changes are required to ensure cities are sufficiently funded?**

In 2008, Stephen Harper's Conservative government permanently doubled the gas tax fund. This major step forward for municipalities is providing a stable and predictable source of revenue for the renewal of local infrastructure. A re-elected Conservative Government will introduce legislation to confirm this permanent funding for municipal infrastructure through the gas tax fund.

5 **A century ago only 20 per cent of Canadians lived in urban areas. That number has now increased to 80 per cent (or more than 25 million Canadians). What is your party's vision for the role of cities within the Canadian federation, now and into the future?**

Cities are vitally important to Canada's economic success. Our government understands that. A re-elected Stephen Harper Conservative government will continue to work effectively with all levels of government to deliver historic investments in local infrastructure, including better highways, roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, housing college and university facilities, public transit, and green energy.

THEY ANSWERED

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▶ Michael Ignatieff

LIBERALS

The federal government must do a better job screening and advising prospective immigrants on credential recognition before they leave their countries of origin. Improving credential recognition and the integration of new Canadians into the workforce requires a renewed effort between governments, professional groups, educational institutions, sector councils and unions. We will provide leadership and make this a priority.

A Liberal government will work with other levels of government and the private sector to put in place a Canadian transportation and infrastructure strategy. Liberal infrastructure priorities will include local and regional transit, rapid transit, and commuter rail that helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as high-speed rail in regions where rapid, convenient connections between major urban centres promise environmental benefits, enhanced mobility, and decreased congestion.

Crime is always a serious problem. We need evidence-based crime policies that are tough on crime where we need tougher sentences, but also strong on crime prevention. What we don't need is to import failed crime policies from the United States. If we want to be tough on crime, we must be tough on guns. The gun registry is supported by Canada's police force as well as countless organizations in women's health and safety because it improves public safety.

We will maintain the successful gas tax transfer to municipalities and provide additional funds. A lack of affordable housing in large cities is a growing barrier to young families of modest incomes looking for their first home. We will increase the federal investment in affordable housing by $550 million, and work with cities to put in place a renewed affordable housing framework to reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing.

We view the cities as equal partners. The previous Liberal government made the most important contribution to municipal public finance in a generation through its 2005 New Deal for Cities and Communities. A new Liberal government will build on that progress. We will be a strong federal partner, working with our cities on the next generation of transit infrastructure and affordable housing.

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▶ Jack Layton

NDP

A New Democrat government would take a leadership role to move toward a fair, efficient, transparent and accountable immigration system. In conjunction with provinces and licensing authorities, we will accelerate and streamline the recognition of foreign credentials, overseas degrees, and previous employment experience. To assist with community integration and English and French language programs, we will reinstate federal funding for the settlement programs for new Canadians.

Yes. Because Canada is the only OECD country that does not have a national public transit strategy. New Democrats tabled the National Public Transit Strategy Act, which outlines a practical plan for providing sustainable, predictable, public transit investments. New Democrats have also promised to allocate an additional cent of the existing gas tax to public transit funding for municipalities and to encourage transit use by providing a tax exemption for employee workplace-based transit passes.

To improve public safety on the streets of our communities ... New Democrats will provide stable, permanent funding to put at least 2,500 new police officers on the streets and increase federal support for crime prevention initiatives from $65 million to $100 million per year. We will give parents, teachers and police more tools to protect our children by making gang recruitment illegal and create new, standalone offences for home invasions and car-jackings.

In addition to increased funding for public transit, New Democrats will continue current federal infrastructure funding commitments and invest in community-controlled renewable energy development. In addition to restoring the affordable housing programs the Harper government allowed to expire, we will fund 100,000 new child-care spaces and provide around $1 billion a year for new affordable housing.

Canada's cities must be regarded as important resources in Canada's future economy. Jack Layton is determined to increase investment in cities, including an extra cent of the gas tax – $500 million a year – for public transit. He understands the important role these communities play in our country's overall economy and is committed to seeing there is a place at the negotiating table for cities.

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▶ Elizabeth May

GREENS

The Green party finds fault with the current accreditation system. We would eliminate the valuation of foreign credentials for immigration purposes except in those cases where such credentials are recognized in Canada, or a clear, expeditious path to accreditation is established, and in place establish realistic criteria for immigrants based on existing job opportunities. We would also press professional societies to remove unnecessary barriers hindering the recognition of valid professional credentials.

The Green party of Canada's position is that we must adopt a national transit strategy that strengthens our rail network and public transit systems in order to have a competitive, modern economy. We are committed to providing cities with the resources to create public transit systems that reduce congestion. We are also committed to ensuring all of Canada's cities have access to rail connections, and develop high-speed corridors between frequently travelled routes.

We believe the current rise in concern over crime is directly linked with the federal government's fixation on the subject and its $9 billion spent on new prisons. Still, even with the crime rate going down, we would all like to feel safer. We are committed to further reducing crime through better programs in youth activity and early childhood education. We are committed to addressing underlying causes of crime such as poverty, racism, and inequality.

In our 2011 election platform, the Green party announced a slate of initiatives of long-term investments in municipalities and housing. That slate includes a national affordable housing program, a national solar roof program, and energy retrofits for municipal buildings, schools, universities and hospitals, growing to more than $1.6 billion annually by Year 3. An additional $2.4 billion of permanent annual funding has been allocated for six municipal superfunds beginning in the first year.

We believe that cities form a pillar of the green economy. When municipalities set out to build and repair infrastructure, retrofit and rebuild affordable housing, and modernize our aging public transit over decades, it's a decades-long commitment. Their decisions now will decide what kind of an economy we will have for the next 50 years. We hope to work with our cities to lead Canada to a sustainable future.

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▶ Gilles Duceppe

BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS

The evaluation and the recognition of credentials is Quebec's and the other provinces' responsibility. Quebec is, to a certain extend, autonomous in terms of immigration. Unfortunately, the actual agreement with the federal government doesn't allow us to put forward all the values that characterize Quebec. The only way Quebec will be able to deploy a more efficient and human politic is by getting a hold of the means sovereign countries can count on, like embassies and consulates.

The Bloc Québécois is in favour of discussions to be held across Canada to put in place a frame, which could allow the adoption of politics that are compatible. However, such discussions should not be used as an excuse by the federal government to interfere in Quebec's jurisdiction and, by doing so, double the politics, double the expenses and complicate the legislation.

Since it came into power, the Conservative government has ... adopted an alarmist rhetoric in regards to criminality. It is true that the fight against crime is important, but we have to remember that crime rates have been going down in Quebec and in Canada for nearly 15 years. The Bloc Québécois suggests concrete and efficient legislative measures to protect vulnerable people, particularly children and victims of human trafficking.

The Bloc Québécois proposed that the investments in infrastructures be modified to take into account the different governments' ability to pay. The federal government would pay for 50 per cent of the expenses, Quebec and the provinces would pay for 35 per cent, while the municipalities would pay for 15 per cent. That reflects the capacity to pay of everyone. The Bloc Québécois asks the federal government to regroup its programs under one unique and unconditional transfer fund.

Large cities have more and more responsibilities. We ask that the federal government participate in the fight against poverty by reinvesting in affordable and safe social housing. We also wish it would support the Quebec government in the development of infrastructures for transit systems, notably by establishing reserved lanes for common transportation and by developing new commuter train lines.

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Documentary brings Hicks' prophetic comedy back to life

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Controversial, brilliant, profane and prophetic. There are few stand-ups who made an impact on the comedy world like Bill Hicks.

Yet, chances are you've never heard of him.

Hicks died in 1994 at 32 without ever achieving much fame in North America. However, his comedy was huge in the U.K., where more relaxed broadcast standards allowed him to reach a wider audience.

So it's unsurprising that the remarkable new documentary American: The Bill Hicks Story, comes from British filmmakers Matt Harlock and Paul Thomas, who hope to bring long deserved attention to the influential comic.

Through hours of interviews with family and friends as well as a near limitless supply of performance footage and photographs, the filmmakers created a fittingly powerful tribute Hicks.

The pair told Metro that audiences seem to welcome his comedy now more than ever.

"We're always asked questions like, 'How did I know about this guy?' or 'Why has no one else taken his place?'" said Thomas.

"People like Bill are dearly needed."

Hicks' openly skeptical and satirical worldview feels more comfortable now in the era of The Daily Show.

"Even though he died 17 years ago, what Bill was saying was in some ways timeless," explained Harlock.

"Not only is Bill's work still relevant today but it's even more so because we still haven't learned lessons from the problems he identified like the fact that you don't have to believe the things that you're told by your government, your church, or advertising.

"You can make up your own mind."

▶ American: The Bill Hicks Story, a documentary about comedian Bill Hicks, opens in theatres tomorrow.

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Dress Kate for her Prince Charming

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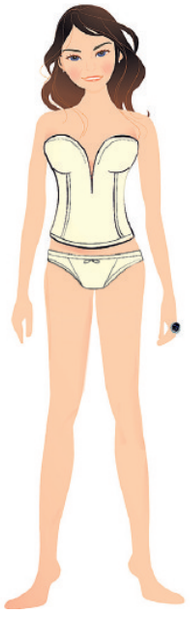

What shall I wear? That's a question that plagues every woman's mind but none more so than the princess-to-be Kate Middleton. So, to help the girl out, we've put together a dress-up box of everything from her Issa engagement dress to her Burberry trench. All she needs now is a little help piecing them together for her Royal day out.

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The UK's world wide wedding

Next Friday's royal wedding to be live streamed on YouTube Web event features live blog of wedding events

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Prince William and his bride to be Kate Middleton

Palace officials will offer live streaming of the April 29 royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton on the royal channel on YouTube.

The four-hour live Internet coverage will include the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, the procession to Buckingham Palace, and the newlyweds' appearance on the palace balcony for an expected first public kiss.

William's press office will also provide a live blog providing commentary and historical information as well as additional footage.

"The couple wish to strike a balance between a day that is sacred and intimate and a day that will be a cause for global celebration," a St. James' Palace spokesman said yesterday, declining to be identified because of palace policy. "To that end, they want the wedding to be as accessible to as many people as possible and that's why they are communicating in this way."

Officials said the couple have taken a hands-on approach the wedding planning.

"William and Catherine have thoroughly enjoyed the process of creating their special day. They have been responsible for everything from the smallest detail, such as the reception canapes, to the big decisions like the carriages," he added.

Officials said this will be the first time YouTube has run a live blog alongside a live stream for an event.

The palace also plans to post addition royal wedding-related photos on Flickr leading up to the wedding, and expand its coverage on the Official Royal Wedding website, which has seen more than 8 million page views since its launch.

An official souvenir program will be produced for sale to crowds lining the parade route. It will cost $3.20.

The program will include Middleton's new coat of arms, which uses an acorn to symbolize strength and continuity.

The coat of arms, unveiled yesterday, was approved by Thomas Woodcock, the garter king of arms who advises Queen Elizabeth II on the granting of coats of arms and other ceremonial and heraldic matters.

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Lohan still has job offers

- Producer calls troubled star a 'great, great actress'
- Wants her for two projects

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While the results of her upcoming felony grand theft trial are uncertain, Lindsay Lohan at least can take solace in the fact that she can still get work. Film producer Mark Fiore tells Radar Online that he's interested in the troubled actress for not one but two upcoming projects.

"I want Lindsay to be in Gotti and another movie that I'm producing," says Fiore, who serves as executive producer for Gotti: Three Generations.

"She's been very professional with me," he says. "People make mistakes. Look at so many other people in Hollywood."

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▶ Evan Rachel Wood

Evan Rachel Wood: Into androgyny

Evan Rachel Wood is bisexual, she reveals to Esquire magazine. "I grew up in love with David Bowie. So I was always into very androgynous things. Guys, girls ... I'm into androgyny in general," the 23-year-old actress says, adding that she behaves differently on a date depending on the other person. "I'm more kind of like the guy when it comes to girls. I'm the dominant one ... I'm opening the doors, I'm buying dinner. Yeah, I'm romantic." METRO

Celebrity tweets

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"It's tough sharing a birthday with Kourtney Kardashian. Our friends never know which party to go to."

@DaveJMatthews

"What if everyone's Twitter picture was of them flipping the bird. Maybe for a couple days. Maybe forever. Meant well or not. Just fun no?"

@margaretcho

"Ghosts are scary especially when they get in bed with you!"

@jimmykimmel

"When did a homeless person standing on a corner in a Statue of Liberty costume become the official mascot of tax day?"

Sheen's ex Denise offers help

As Charlie Sheen has fought to get his twin sons back after ex-wife Brooke Mueller's recent drug troubles, he's found an unlikely ally: his previous ex-wife, Denise Richards, whom he's been badmouthing on his Violent Torpedo of Truth tour.

Richards reportedly offered to step in and take care of the boys while Sheen tours and Mueller heads to rehab, according to TMZ.

Sheen reportedly responded with a simple, "I'll keep you posted."

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Hudson is a mystical mama

▶ Kate Hudson

Kate Hudson doesn't know the gender of her new baby, but she's got a good idea, thanks to a "witchy" technique called the pendulum test.

"You take a piece of your hair, and you take a ring ... and you string it through.

"And then what you do is you hold it over your stomach," she explains to Entertainment Tonight.

"[If it moves in] a circle, it's a girl, and a boy [the pendulum] goes back and forth."

She says she's done the test a few times, and the ring always indicates a girl. The actress also has a 7-year-old son, Ryder. METRO

Cowell still wants Mariah for X Factor

Despite the fact that Mariah Carey is about to give birth to twins, Simon Cowell is expecting the singer to get to work soon on the U.S. edition of X Factor, he said during a radio interview in Spokane, Wash. "I think Mariah will have a role on the live shows. I met her recently and she was in great form," Cowell says of Carey, who was originally in line to be a judge on the show before her pregnancy.

"Her idea was to be the judge of the judges, which only Mariah could come up with," Cowell says. "She'll be involved in some form. I literally adore her. I love her to bits." METRO

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This Easter, satisfy everyone's sweet tooth

One of these recipes is more traditional, while the other uses some innovative thinking

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▶ This recipe makes four Apple Pocket Pies.

This Easter, think outside the pie plate and celebrate the holiday with the trendiest innovation in pie-baking in decades.

Pocket pies are tasty, colourful and easy as pie to make. These miniature homemade treats are sure to delight all ages.

Apple Pocket Pies

Ingredients:

- 2 frozen deep dish pie shells
- 250 ml (1 cup) peeled and finely chopped Granny Smith apples
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brown sugar
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) milk

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove pie shells from freezer and let thaw at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes.
2. In a bowl, combine apples, sugar, cinnamon and flour. Set aside.
3. Remove pie shells from foil onto a clean, flat, lightly floured surface. If cracks appear in the pastry, press together and repair using fingers moistened with water.
4. Using an oval egg-shaped cookie cutter that's 7 by 10 cm (2 3/4 by 4 inches), cut out 6 egg shapes from each pie shell. Set aside any leftover dough.
5. Divide filling mixture evenly among 6 cutouts, mounding in centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) border. Top with remaining cutouts. Gently press edges together and crimp with a fork.
6. Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until pastry is golden.

Decorating tips: Use any leftover dough to cut shapes to decorate top. Brush with milk or egg wash to affix to pie and bake as directed above. Decorate pies with multi-coloured sprinkles by brushing top with milk or egg wash, adding sprinkles and bake.

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Egg History

Did you know that since ancient days, the egg has been the symbol of new life? Even before it became entwined with the Christian Easter, eggs were used by Romans, Chinese, and Egyptians in rite–of–spring festivals as a way to celebrate the dawn of a new season. **NEWS CANADA**

There are many ways to decorate eggs. Here's some simple ideas to kick it up a notch.

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Chocolate Bunnies

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Chocolate Bunnies are a staple Easter treat. These ones are perfect for kid participation. Let your little ones measure ingredients, use cookie cutters to shape the treats, and decorate.

Preparation:

1. In saucepan melt chocolate morsels and butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Add cereal and stir until coated.
2. Using buttered spatula evenly press mixture into 15 x 10 x 1–inch (38 x 25 x 2.5 cm) baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Cool completely.
3. Using large circle cookie cutter, small circle cookie cutter and rabbit head cookie cutter coated with cooking spray, cut cereal mixture into shapes. For each rabbit, attach one rabbit head shape to top of large circle shape with frosting. Attach one small circle for tail to each. Decorate with frosting and/or candies.

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250mL) semi–sweet chocolate morsels
- 3 tbsp (45mL) butter or margarine
- 1 pkg (10 oz) marshmallows, about 40 or 4 cups (1 L) miniature marshmallows
- 6 cups (1.5 L) rice crisp cereal
- Frosting or decorating gel
- Assorted candies

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Europe in North America

If you can't afford to head across the Atlantic, visiting Quebec City is a good alternative Find charm and history in one of North America's oldest cities There are plenty of great B&Bs and fine dining options

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If the thought of jumping the pond to Europe sounds exciting, yet the price slighting overwhelming, then consider packing your bags and heading to the capital of Quebec. Over 400-years-old and the only walled-in city remaining in North America, Quebec City exudes a character and romance reminiscent of Europe. Find out just how easy it is to have an affordable getaway with a French flair.

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▶ Musée National des Beaux-Arts at night.

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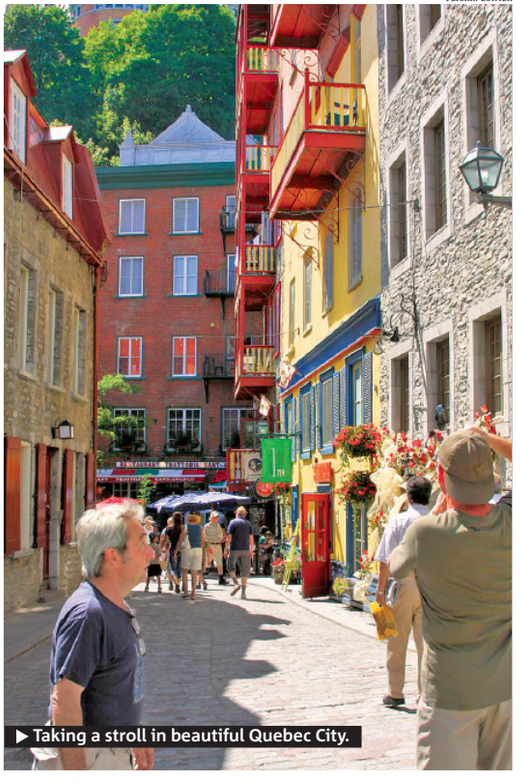

▶ Taking a stroll in beautiful Quebec City.

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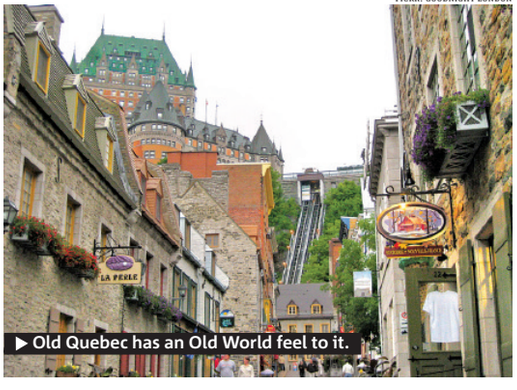


▶ Old Quebec has an Old World feel to it.

Historical Sites

As one of the oldest cities in North America, this destination is brimming with historic landmarks, the most notable being Old Quebec, a designated UNESCO world heritage site. Other treasures include the Parliament Building, architecturally inspired by the Louvre, the historic urban park of the Plains of Abraham and the fortifications that surround the old city. Plus you'll keep your budget in check, as many of the historic sites are free of charge.

Divine Dining

Follow the lead of the French and dine at a restaurant that focuses on fresh, local ingredients. For a memorable meal try Le Patriarche in Old Quebec with dishes inspired by the province including their signature wild game trilogy and desserts created by their in-house pastry chef. It's a true French dining experience worth the splurge.

Sweet Sleeps

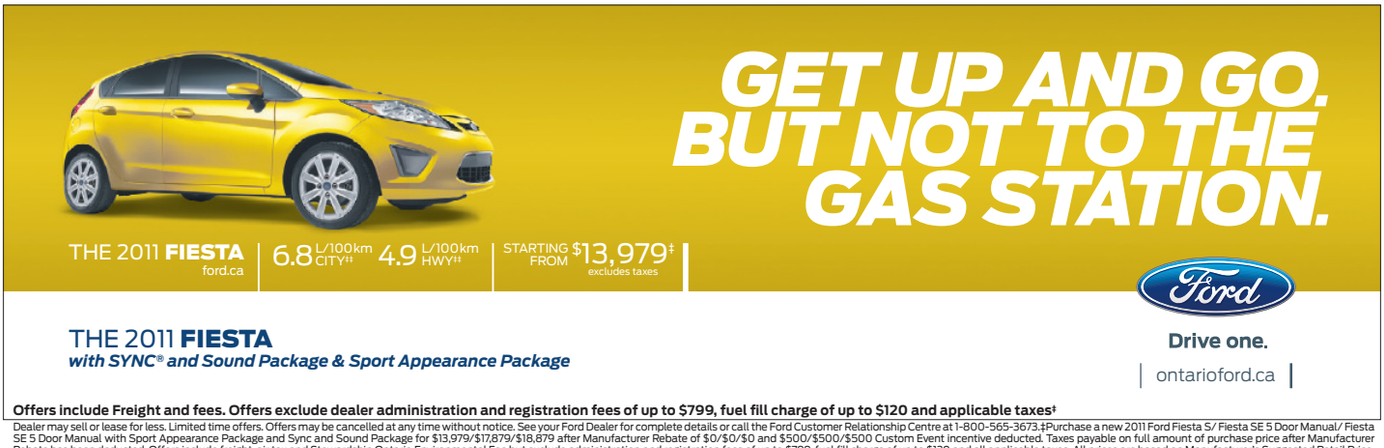
From quaint B&B's to the iconic Château Frontenac, it's easy to find accommodations with old-world charm. Perched on a cape overlooking the St. Lawrence River, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is a 618-room luxury hotel in Old Quebec offering award-winning cuisine and a full-service spa and health club. Established in 1832 by an Irish settler, Hayden's Wexford House is a quaint bed and breakfast with three Victorian-style bedrooms and run by two gracious and knowledgable hosts.

Fun Freebies

Strolling along Rue St. Paul, climbing the Rue de la Montage and exploring the main collection at the Musée National des Beaux-Arts, you'll find there is much to do in the city without spending a penny. Try a guided tour through the 17th century Notre-Dame de Quebec Basilica-Cathedral or talk a short drive to view the stunning Montmorency Falls, one-and-a-half times higher than Niagara Falls.

Money-Saving Ideas:

- Picnic in the Park. Do like the French and head to the market for fresh fruit, a baguette and artisenal cheeses for a simple, yet delicious outdoor meal.
- Plane or Train. Ditch the car and save on gas. The spring is a great time to get a travel deal too.
- Buy a Pass. For $50 consider the Quebec City Museum Pass, which is good for three days and gives entry to 20 museums and attractions around town.



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- Texas' remote Big Bend National Park offers stunning views that are rarely seen by human eyes
- Far Flung Outdoor Centre adds a dash of elegance with fine dining prepared by chef Francois Maeder

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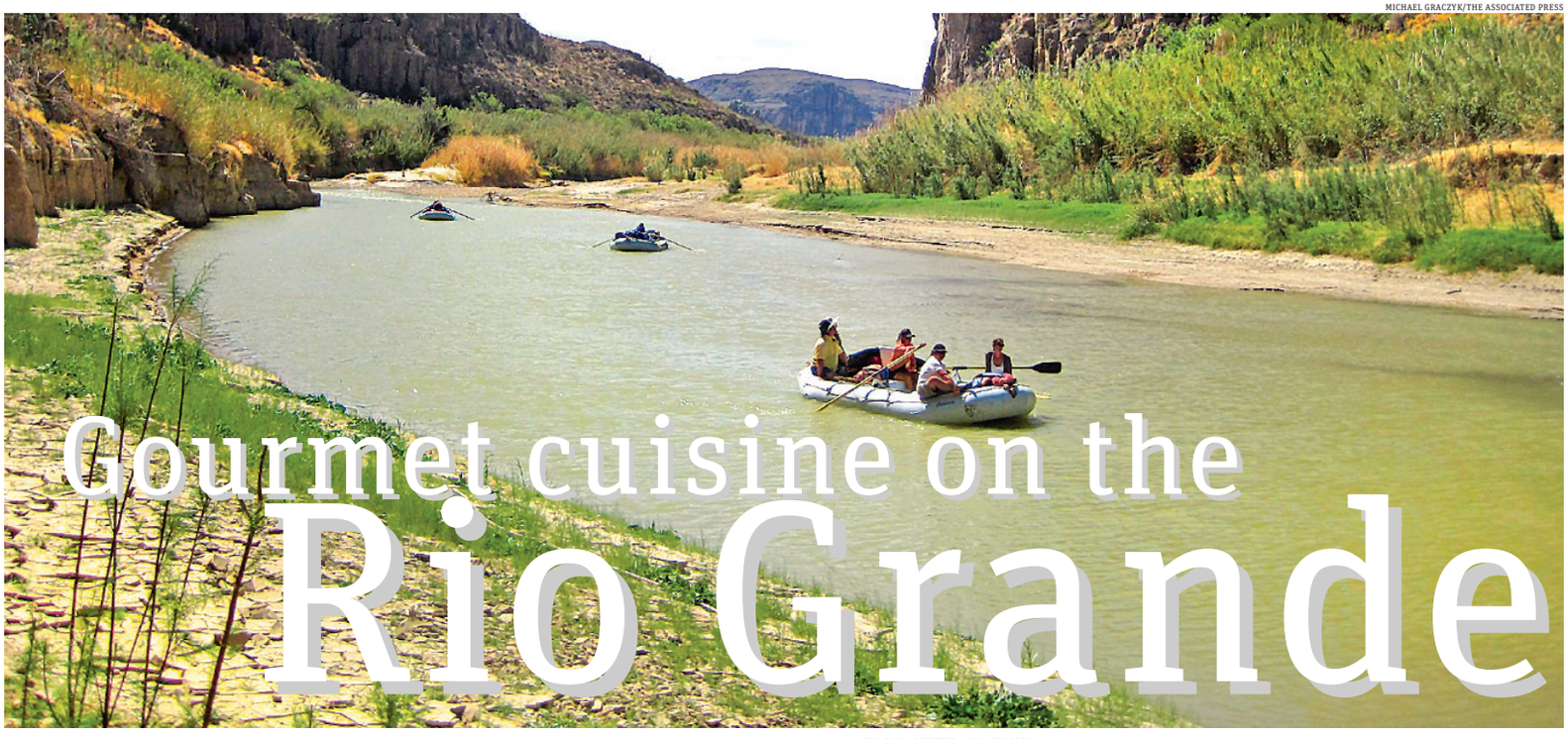

Gourmet cuisine on the Rio Grande

On the banks of the Rio Grande in Texas where the river has carved steep canyons through the mountains of the Chihuahuan Desert dozens of kilometres from any civilization, chef Francois Maeder is whipping up white chocolate mousse.

"A lot of people think when you go camping you should have hot dogs and beans," Maeder says.

Not here.

Luscious food and white-linen dining takes a backseat only to the spectacular desert terrain and star-filled night skies at one of the most remote and least visited national parks in the continental United States.

For 24 years now, Swiss-born Maeder has taken his San Antonio restaurant's gourmet kitchen on the road — and on the river.

Maeder, 64, prepares and serves exquisite meals on raft trips along the Rio Grande through Big Bend National Park, a 320,465-hectare wilderness some 1,100 kilometres west of Houston.

The park gets its name from the sharp 190-kilometre-long northeastern arc taken by the river that forms a 1,430-kilometre border separating Texas from Mexico. At more than 3,100 square kilometres, Big Bend, a national park since 1944, is the 15th largest in the U.S. national park system. Its river, desert and mountain environment make it home to more types of birds, bats and cacti than any other U.S. national park. Its location, more than two hours

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▶ San Antonio Chef Francois Maeder as he prepares dinner at his portable kitchen on the banks of the Rio Grande at Big Bend National Park, Texas.

south of the nearest interstate highway, keeps the crowds down and makes Big Bend a destination rather than a casual stop on the way to somewhere else.

About a half-dozen times a year, during the cooler spring and fall, Maeder and guides from Far Flung Outdoor Center, an outfitter from nearby Terlingua, pack a portable kitchen and coolers filled with fixings for breakfasts, salads, dinners and desserts for gourmet river trips aboard five-metre inflatable rafts through the canyons.

Valynda Henington, co-owner of Far Flung, which has been leading trips through the isolated area for decades, describes them as "scenic float trips."

The outfitter offers more rugged, intense and longer adventures along the Rio Grande, which includes portions federally designated as Wild and Scenic River, meaning it's nearly inaccessible, primitive and free of development.

The gourmet trips, however, "bring us a clientele that wouldn't come in normally," Henington said.

"A lifetime experience for me," Tim Tritch, 56, who works for a paint manufacturing firm in Dallas, said of his recent voyage.

"It's like being on a three-day cruise with a very small group of people ... pursuing what they like to enjoy," Tritch's wife, Amy, 43, said.

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If you go ...

- **Far Flung Outdoor Center.** Gourmet trips are $775 US per person plus Texas sales tax of 7.75 per cent. A 10 per cent gratuity for the raft guide is suggested. ffoc.net/index.php
- **Big Bend National Park.** nps.gov/bibe/index.htm.
- **Getting There.** Fly to Midland, then drive 390 kilometres; from El Paso, 530 kilometres; from San Antonio, 653 kilometres.
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The perfect date night place for Kate and William

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▶ A visit to The Three Chimneys in the Isle of Skye would be a great place for the Royal couple to visit.

On the shores of Loch Dunvegan in the Isle of Skye sits The Three Chimneys, one of Scotland's most famous restaurants complete with a tiny guesthouse, both incredibly luxe and intimate.

The Three Chimneys has been described as The French Laundry of Scotland, with people from around the world traveling to Chef Michael Smith's kitchen. All food is harvested locally and the menu changes weekly according to ingredients.

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This sweet spot would be the perfect place for the Royal couple to seek pre-party solace and is an absolutely wonderful place to honeymoon.

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6 ways to reduce the chances of losing your luggage

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▶ Every traveller's nightmare is to arrive in your location, while you luggage ends up somewhere else.

- Before your bag disappears behind the ticket counter, make sure the airline's tag has your name, flight number and final destination.
- Place a copy of your flight itinerary inside your suitcase with your cellphone number and the name of your hotel in case the tag is ripped off or goes missing.
- If you can't live without it, don't check it. It might take days to return a lost bag. Don't pack medication or outfits for tomorrow's meeting or wedding. Never check valuables such as jewelry or electronics.
- Make your bag stand out. A bright colour or print — or something tied to the handle — prevents somebody from accidentally taking it at baggage claim.
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A scientific tour of Boston on Segways

- **Two-wheeled marvels of science offer a fun way to see the MIT campus**
- **Boston's Musuem of Science decided to expand beyond its building**

Boston's Museum of Science has exhibits on natural history, dinosaurs, space travel and electricity, all enclosed within four walls.

Paul Fontaine, vice-president of education, has for years wanted to expand beyond the bricks and mortar. He got his wish Friday with the launch of the Museum of Science Segway Experience, an outdoor tour of the area around the museum using the gyroscopic, two-wheel transporters, themselves a marvel of science.

"We have all this science and technology of the human world packed within a few miles of the museum," Fontaine said. "This was just a natural extension of what we already do."

The parks and shoreline around the building are full of native flora and fauna, and the museum is right down the street from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, the birthplace of some of the nation's greatest scientific achievements, Fontaine said.

"There are surprising number of different birds who make their habitat right in the city," Fontaine said.

The museum bought a fleet of 30 Segways, each featuring bright red fenders and the museum's logo on the wheel coverings. It plans on four tours of six people each per day at first, hopefully increasing as the weather improves and word gets out.

Employees have used Segways for years inside the museum as sort of mobile information kiosks, but this is the first time they are available to visitors.

The tour, $60 for museum members and $65 for non-members, has been in the works for about a year.

"It was a natural fit," said Mary Beth Alosa of Segway of Boston, an authorized dealership. "They came to us and we said let's put these two together and see how it's received."

The one-hour tour starts across the street from the museum at the North Point Park, where guides point out the plants and wildlife including geese, coots and red-tailed hawks.

"Museum staff have even seen a bald eagle fishing here," tour manager Evan O'Brien said.

He points out that much of the land in the area was marshy in colonial times and has been filled in. In fact, O'Brien said, the area of Cambridge known as Lechmere was once a marsh and is French for "sea of leeches."

O'Brien carries another modern innovation, an iPad, to illustrate his talks with pictures and historic maps at stops along the way.

MIT was not involved in the planning, but the tour has the university's blessing. The guides point out various places on campus, including the building that houses the cyclotron, the birthplace of nuclear medicine, and the I.M. Pei-designed Building 54.

The tour even points out American history, including the point where British troops disembarked from their boats after crossing Boston Harbor before the long march to the battles of Lexington and Concord.

And of course, the guides talk a little bit about the inner workings of the Segways, remarkably intuitive machines that appear to defy the normal rules of balance.

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▶ Museum of Science tour guide Nick Rosato, left, gives a tour, in Cambridge, Mass. The tour, created by Boston's Science Museum, features Segway transporters, and visits shoreline areas along the Charles River, as well as various stops on and around the MIT campus.

If you go ...

- **Museum of Science Segway Experience.** One-hour Segway tour of Cambridge, Mass., departing from Museum of Science, located at 1 Science Park. Tickets from mos.org or 617-723-2500, $65. Offered daily at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. Participants must be at least 14 years old and weigh between 100 and 260 pounds. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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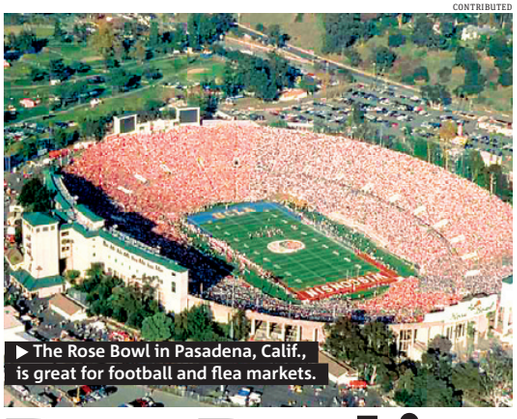

▶ The Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., is great for football and flea markets.

Rose Bowl is more than just football

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Not far from the madness of Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles, you can find that peaceful easy feeling in sunny suburban Pasadena, Calif..

With a population of only 150,000 people, this little gem of a city manages to maintain that small-town feel, but with a cool twist. The city is most famous for the Rose Bowl, but diehard bargain hunters like myself know there is more to this famous stadium than football. Every month this is the site of one of the biggest and best old fashioned outdoor flea markets in the world.

Many thousands of people turn up on the second Sunday of every month, to seek out deals from a staggering 2,500 vendors. This can be an all day affair, and I was happy to while away the hours looking for treasures. At the end of the day, I ended up buying a vintage movie poster, and a 1950's original Coca-Cola tin sign.

Where else can you find this kind of junk … rather, treasure, all in one place? As a matter of fact, I couldn't seem to stay away from the Rose Bowl. It really seems to be the nucleus of Pasadena. A couple of days later, I found myself at the biggest tailgate party I've ever seen, conveniently located at, you guessed it, the Rose Bowl.

The scene was tens of thousands of football fans drinking beer, screaming, drinking beer, and did I mention there was beer drinking? It was the lead up to a UCLA Bruins game, and the parking lot party started soon after the sun came up. I know college football is big in the U.S., but I never dreamed it was this big!

The game itself was a madhouse, with 60,000 diehard fans going nuts. Did I mention there was beer drinking? I'm just glad there wasn't a riot when the Bruins lost the game. Despite the loss, I noticed fans left the Rose Bowl in an orderly fashion, smiling and in a good mood. Maybe it was all that beer!

Pasadena fun

Other Cool Things to Do in Pasadena.

- **Cruise Famous Colorado Boulevard:** This is the mecca of old Pasadena and is packed with great entertainment, dining and shopping. It's also the route for the famous Rose Bowl Parade.
- **Visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory:** his fascinating facility offers free tours to the public. You can check out space flight operations center and the spacecraft assembly facility. There's even free parking.

WAIT, DID I JUST RESIGN?

Workplace Law

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When Jantsje Beggs' mobile home was destroyed by a fire, she did not think this would also cost her her job. Beggs had not been formally terminated, and she assumed she had not resigned either. Her employer assumed otherwise.

Beggs, a grocery store clerk for Westport Foods in Vancouver Island, called her boss the day after the fire explaining that she could not come in as scheduled and did not know when she would return.

Beggs' phone was disconnected, and when her manager could not contact her for almost a month, a record of employment was prepared claiming that Beggs resigned. When Beggs later came by the store to retrieve it and to drop off a doctor's note explaining her absence, she was shocked to learn that Westport viewed her as having resigned.

Instead of speaking with her employer, Beggs hired a lawyer who accused Westport of firing her in an insensitive manner, referring to the medical evidence that the company had not yet been aware of. In response, Westport maintained that Beggs had resigned.

The British Columbia Court of Appeal recently sided with Beggs. It found that before the lawyers were involved, there was a genuine misunderstanding on Westport's part of Beggs' intentions and the reasons for her absence from work. However, when Westport's lawyer maintained that Beggs had quit her job, despite seeing medical evidence showing that she was ill, Westport effectively fired her, ruled the court, even though it had not intended to.

Seldom do sincerity and intentions sway judicial favour in a lawsuit. Often the courts focus on what did, or did not, occur. Here, Beggs found herself in the "twilight zone" somewhere between having abandoned her job and having been fired. Although she won her case, by following these simple steps, the confusion could have been avoided:

- Immediately protest a characterization that there has been a resignation, if you didn't intend to resign.
- Resist taking any steps that can be construed as voluntarily withdrawing from the workplace, as difficult as that may be.

The full article can be read online at metronews.ca

Figuring out what the big cheese needs

All bosses are not created equal, but here are four things they all want

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Understanding what makes your corporate overlord tick is a near-impossible pursuit in an Internet era, when office politics are conducted via gChat and your boss more often lurks on the other side of a screen than the other side of a desk.

But if you're struggling to make good with the new somebody you've got to serve, we've got career counsellors to help us understand four things all bosses want.

A Sense of Priorities

"A common mistake that entry-level workers make is that they're focused on their work and see that as their priority," New York-based Executive Coach Barbara Frankel notes. "What they don't understand is that their first priority is their boss's priority."

Figuring out what the bigwig upstairs cares about might necessitate asking around, says Donna Flag, a career coach. Don't be hesitant to raise the question early on.

"I recommend that people, even in the interviewing process, ask, 'What are you looking for? What matters to you?'" she suggests.

Open Ears

"In the beginning, you want to listen more than you talk," says Lindsay Pollack, a Generation Y Career Blog writer.

Many fresh hires, she adds, come in thinking the opposite.

"Most people think they have to walk in and deliver results immediately," Frankel agrees. "The right way to approach a job is to listen and learn."

If you have observations, she says, jot them down. Six months from now they might be worth considering.

Interested in We, Not I

Newbies who come in trying to prove themselves often undermine themselves by boasting of their past accomplishments.

Bragging is a great way, to spoil your reputation from day one, says Jane Cranston career counsellor.

"At a business meeting you should say, 'Am I talking about me? Or am I talking about business,'" she cautions. "Because this isn't about you."

Subtle Respect

"All bosses think that because they're a boss, they deserve respect," Flag warns. "Be sensitive to that. Convey a sense of respect."

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Cease the stress

Feel close to the breaking point? Take a step back

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▶ Remember: Chances are, you won't even remember this crazy day five years from now.

If you keep slogging harder days and longer hours, career counsellors warn you will discover a source of inner energy you never knew you had: your snapping point.

Strange things happen to good people when they reach that limit: Cool heads detonate, steel nerves melt, grown adults mature backward through time. Unless you want to find out what thermonuclear breakdowns you are capable of staging, get a handle on your workload before you fly off it.

"One of the basic feelings behind being overworked is a lack of control, like you're no longer in the driver's seat," says Christiane Turnheim, a career guru and psychology professor. "When you feel that way, try to get back in control of your work. See if there's a possibility to restructure or delegate some of it."

A roomier deadline, she notes, can ease you back toward sanity. So can a roomier workplace – like a public library or a streetside bistro.

"Changing your job location can really work," Barbara Glanz, author of Care Packages for the Workplace, says.

If you can't change your workplace – change something about the one you're in.

"Put a picture on your desk of whoever the person is whose life is going to be better because of the work you do," Glanz offers. "Do that to remind you that you're doing this for a bigger purpose."

Every engine needs a rest, she adds. Don't be afraid to idle yours.

"Take a five minute vacation," she recommends. "Go to the washroom and go the Bahamas for five minutes."

"You can do anything you want in your head," she continues.

Treat Yourself

"When you're energy is low, go buy yourself a treat," Glanz encourages. "Have fun with it. Send yourself some flowers."

A catastrophic day is likely to fade into tomorrow's distant memory if your after work agenda includes "a healthy diet, lots of sleep, and exercise," Turnheim advises.

"Have a balance in life," she says. "Eat a lot of fruit." DREW HINSHAW

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Keeping students interested

Research shows that a non-interactive classroom environment can be especially hard on young learners

Students' interest and desire to participate actively in the learning process is central to their success at any level of education. All students are motivated by some activities; in schools, student motivation is deeply affected by what happens in classrooms. Research drawn from several fields suggests ways we can improve students' engagement and motivation.

• Relevance – Building on students' interests and making the lessons relevant to students' lives and what they already know are good practices.
• Choice – Giving students more choices in their learning, both about what to study and about how to present what they know and can do, makes learning more interesting and heightens curiosity.
• Recognizing Effort – Success is a big spur to further effort. Students' motivation increases when their efforts and contributions are consistently valued.
• Feedback – Timely and specific feedback tells students what their strengths and weaknesses are. Feedback must be given so that students understand what they need to do in order to improve. Multiple opportunities to demonstrate learning are also important.
• Teaching Methods and Tools – Students learn best through a variety of teaching techniques and strategies that challenge them and encourage them to explore ideas. The use of technology, such as computers, and SMART Boards, can also help to motivate students.

More info

For more information on the research references that inform this issue, visit cea-ace.ca/facts-on-education.

Parents are valuable partners in the learning process. They can support their child's learning by suggesting strategies to teachers that they have observed to be successful at home. This will help teachers meet the child's learning needs.

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▶ A sincere desire to engage in learning is key to retaining information for kids.

Teachers and parents support their children's learning when they praise effort and hard work rather than intelligence. There is growing evidence that children's intelligence is not fixed, and the children who do best are those who develop "growth mindsets" so that they are prepared to put in the effort to succeed.

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▶ Phoenix Coyotes celebrate after David Schlemko scored a goal against the Detroit Red Wings during the 2011 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs at Jobing.com Arena on April 18 in Glendale, Ariz.

Is sun setting on Coyotes?

Phoenix has spent past two seasons not knowing who their owner would be

The Phoenix Coyotes are back on their heels, the inability to get much of a speed bump in front of the Red Wing Express putting them a game from elimination.

A much bigger issue looms in the back of their minds: Game 4 today at Jobing.com Arena could be their final game in the desert.

"It will be the ultimate test of our mindset and how we're going to deal with it. We talk about using it as a motivating factor."

PHOENIX COYOTES COACH DAVE TIPPET ON TONIGHT'S GAME POSSIBLY BEING THE COYOTES' LAST

The players don't want to talk about the murky ownership situation; they're too focused on trying to take the first step in the monumental climb to get back in the series.

Coach Dave Tippett doesn't want to shy away from the elephant dressed like a coyote in the room, though.

Along with focusing on the usual Xs and Os, he plans to bring up the fact this could be the last game in Arizona, and let his players know this is a chance to show everyone in the Valley of the Sun what they're made of before possibly heading off for good. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL locks in 10-year TV deal

The National Hockey League has opted to stick with NBC and Versus as its U.S. broadcasters in a 10-year deal reportedly worth about $2 billion US.

Neither commissioner Gary Bettman nor NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol gave financial terms of the contract, but the Sports Business Journal reported it would bring in about $200 million per season.

Bettman called it "the most significant U.S. media rights partnership in the league's history." THE CANADIAN PRESS

$930M The NFL takes in more than $2 billion per year, while the NBA gets about $930 million per season.

Downie and Kunitz get 1-game ban

Tampa Bay's Steve Downie and Pittsburgh's Chris Kunitz have been suspended for one game apiece for separate incidents in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final.

Downie was punished for a hit to the head of Penguin Ben Lovejoy at 5:39 of the first period Monday.

Kunitz's suspension comes from an elbow on Simon Gagne.

Both forwards will miss Game 4 tonight night in Tampa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7, all times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)
(Washington leads series 2-1)
Tonight's game
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 25
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA
Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)
(Philadelphia leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Philadelphia 4 Buffalo 2
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA
Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)
(Montreal leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 4 Montreal 2
Thursday's game
Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Boston at Montreal, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Montreal at Boston, TBA
Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)
(Pittsburgh leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Pittsburgh 3 Tampa Bay 2
Tonight's game
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA
Monday, April 25
x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)
(Vancouver leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
Vancouver at Chicago
Thursday's game
x-Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Chicago at Vancouver, TBA
San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
San Jose at Los Angeles
Thursday's game
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Monday, April 25
x-San Jose at Los Angeles, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Los Angeles at San Jose, TBA
Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)
(Detroit leads series 3-0)
Monday's result
Detroit 4 Phoenix 2
Tonight's game
Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Detroit at Phoenix, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Phoenix at Detroit, TBA
Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)
(Nashville leads series 2-1)
Tonight's game
Anaheim at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Anaheim at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA
x — played only if necessary.

MONDAY

PENGUINS 3, LIGHTNING 2

First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Talbot 1 (Lovejoy) 5:46
2. Pittsburgh, Asham 2 (Rupp, Letang) 6:31
3. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 2 (Gagne, Stamkos) 15:19 (pp)
Penalties — Kunitz Pgh (elbowing) 10:49, Kovalev Pgh (goaltender interference) 13:29, Lecavalier TB (unsportsmanlike conduct) 19:38.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Downie TB (delay of game) 16:43.
Third Period
4. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 3 (Lecavalier, Brewer) 2:12 (pp)
5. Pittsburgh, Kennedy 1 (Letang, Orpik) 2:43
Penalties — Martin Pgh (interference) 1:12, Rupp Pgh (roughing) 5:48.
Shots

Pittsburgh	12	9	9	—30
Tampa Bay	11	6	10	—27

Goal — Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,2-1-0); Tampa Bay: Roloson (L,1-2-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 0-2; Tampa Bay: 2-4.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Dennis LaRue.
Linesmen — Tim Nowak, Brian Murphy.
Att. — 20,545 (19,758) at Tampa, Fla.

BRUINS 4, CANADIENS 2

First Period
1. Boston, Krejci 1 (Bergeron, Seidenberg) 3:11
2. Boston, Horton 1 (Chara, McQuaid) 14:38
Penalties — Boston bench (too many men; served by Lucic) 1:08, Krejci Bos (hooking) 7:27, Gomez Mtl (interference) 11:21, Bergeron Bos (interference) 12:12, Ference Bos (fighting), Pouliot Mtl (charging, fighting) 19:56.
Second Period
3. Boston, Peverley 1 (Recchi) 2:02
4. Montreal, Kostitsyn 1 (Cammalleri, Hamrlik) 7:03
Penalties — Montreal bench (too many men; served by White) 3:04, Recchi Bos (holding) 17:55.
Third Period
5. Montreal, Plekanec 1 (Cammalleri, Subban) 4:08
6. Boston, Kelly 1 (Recchi) 19:34 (en)
Penalty — Kostitsyn Mtl (slashing) 4:44.
Shots

Boston	9	10	5	—24
Montreal	8	13	15	—36

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,1-2), Montreal: Price (L,2-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-4. Montreal: 0-5.
Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Brian Pochmara.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Brad Kovachik.
Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

RED WINGS 4, COYOTES 2

First Period
1. Detroit, Salei 1 (Helm, Kronwall) 1:57
2. Detroit, Miller 1 (Kronwall) 2:41
Penalties — Eaves Det (roughing), Aucoin Pho (interference) 6:24, Doan Pho (cross-checking) 17:29.
Second Period
3. Detroit, V.Filppula 1 (Hudler) 2:50
4. Phoenix, Schlemko 1 (Boedker, Turris) 11:43 (pp)
Penalties — Hanzal Pho (roughing) 3:12, Abdelkader Det (hooking) 9:50.
Third Period
5. Detroit, Franzen 2 (Ericsson) 0:45
6. Phoenix, Whitney 1 (Vrbata, Yandle) 13:00 (pp)
Penalties — Belanger Pho (cross-checking) 1:03, Miller Det (slashing) 4:26, Doan Pho (holding) 8:12, Holmstrom Det (slashing) 12:06.
Shots

Detroit	13	8	13	—34
Phoenix	9	12	9	—30

Goal — Detroit: Howard (W,3-0-0); Phoenix: Bryzgalov (L,0-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Detroit: 0-4; Phoenix: 2-3.
Referees — Kevin Pollock, Chris Lee.
Linesmen — Shane Heyer, Jonny Murray.
Att. — 17,130 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Fisher, Nash	3	2	5
D.Sedin, Vcr	3	2	5
Datsyuk, Det	2	3	5
Vrbata, Phx	2	3	5
Perry, Ana	1	4	5
Selanne, Ana	4	0	4
St. Louis, TB	3	1	4
Doan, Phx	2	2	4
Doughty, LA	2	2	4
Ovechkin, Wash	2	2	4

Last night's games not included

HOCKEY

IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
U.S.	2	2	0	0	0	18	1	6
Sweden	2	2	0	0	0	10	1	6
Slovakia	2	0	0	0	2	0	8	0
Russia	2	0	0	0	2	2	20	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-Canada	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21**	**0**	**9**
x-Switzerland	3	1	1	0	1	8	14	5
x-Finland	3	1	0	1	1	6	7	4
Kazakhstan	3	0	0	0	3	4	18	0

x — clinched quarter-final berth.
y — clinched semifinal berth.
Note: Three points for regulation win, two for overtime win and one for overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Winterthur, Switzerland
Canada 2 Finland 0
Switzerland 6 Kazakhstan 1
Monday's results
At Zurich
Sweden 3 Slovakia 0
U.S. 13 Russia 1
Today's games
All times Eastern
At Winterthur, Switzerland
Slovakia vs. Russia, 8 a.m.
U.S. vs. Sweden, 2 p.m.
END OF ROUND-ROBIN

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	5	.643	—
Tampa Bay	8	9	.471	2½
Toronto	7	9	.438	3
Baltimore	7	9	.438	3
Boston	5	10	.333	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	12	4	.750	—
Kansas City	10	6	.625	2
Detroit	8	9	.471	4½
Chicago	7	10	.412	5½
Minnesota	6	11	.353	6½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	11	5	.688	—
Los Angeles	10	6	.625	1
Oakland	8	8	.500	3
Seattle	5	12	.294	6½

Last night's results
Tampa Bay 2 Chicago White Sox 1
Baltimore 11 Minnesota 0
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto
L.A. Angels at Texas
Cleveland at Kansas City
Boston at Oakland
Detroit at Seattle
Monday's results
Boston 9 Toronto 1
Tampa Bay 5 Chicago White Sox 0
Minnesota 5 Baltimore 3
Texas 7 L.A. Angels 1
Cleveland 7 Kansas City 3 (10 innings)
Detroit 8 Seattle 3
Today's games
All times Eastern
Boston (C.Buchholz 0-2) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 2-0), 3:35 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 0-2) at Seattle (Bedard 0-3), 3:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Humber 1-1) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 1-2), 6:40 p.m.
Minnesota (Blackburn 1-2) at Baltimore (Britton 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Colon 0-1) at Toronto (Cecil 1-1), 7:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 4-0) at Texas (Harrison 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 3-0) at Kansas City (Hochevar 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay, 6:40 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Newcastle 0 Manchester United 0
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Burnley 3 Middlesbrough 1

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Dundee United 0, Rangers 4

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP
Semi-finals, First Leg
Roma 0, Inter Milan 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	10	6	.625	—
Florida	9	6	.600	½
Washington	8	7	.533	1½
Atlanta	7	10	.412	3½
New York	5	11	.313	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	9	7	.563	—
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	½
St. Louis	8	8	.500	1
Chicago	8	8	.500	1
Pittsburgh	8	9	.471	1½
Houston	5	11	.313	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	12	4	.750	—
San Francisco	9	7	.563	3
Los Angeles	8	9	.471	4½
San Diego	7	9	.438	5
Arizona	6	8	.429	5

Last night's results
Florida 6 Pittsburgh 0
Milwaukee 9 Philadelphia 0
San Diego at Chicago, ppd., rain
Arizona at Cincinnati
Houston at N.Y. Mets
Washington at St. Louis
San Francisco at Colorado
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
San Francisco 8 Colorado 1
Milwaukee 6 Philadelphia 3 (12 innings)
Pittsburgh 9 Cincinnati 3
Chicago Cubs 1 San Diego 0 (10 innings)
L.A. Dodgers 4 Atlanta 2
Today's games
All times Eastern
Milwaukee (Narveson 1-0) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Moseley 0-3) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-2), 2:20 p.m., 1st game
San Francisco (Cain 2-0) at Colorado (De La Rosa 2-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Harang 3-0) at Chicago Cubs (J.Russell 1-1), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Arizona (I.Kennedy 1-1) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Norris 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 2-0) at Florida (Nolasco 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 1-2) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 2-0), 8:15 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 2-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Garland 0-1), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Arizona at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 1:45 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.
Houston at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

SOCCER

FRANCE

FRENCH CUP
(Home teams listed first)
Semi-finals
Nice 0, Lille 2

NBA

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago (1) vs. Indiana (8)
(Chicago leads series 2-0)
Monday's result
Chicago 96 Indiana 90
Tomorrow's game
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Miami (2) vs. Philadelphia (7)
(Miami leads series 2-0)
Monday's result
Miami 94 Philadelphia 73
Tomorrow's game
Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Boston (3) vs. New York (6)
(Boston leads series 2-0)
Last night's result
Boston 96 New York 93
Friday's game
Boston at New York, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Boston at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando (4) vs. Atlanta (5)
(Atlanta leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Atlanta at Orlando
Friday's game
Orlando at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
Orlando at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Atlanta at Orlando, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio (1) vs. Memphis (8)
(Memphis leads series 1-0)
Tonight's game
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Memphis, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 25
San Antonio at Memphis, TBD
L.A. Lakers (2) vs. New Orleans (7)
(New Orleans leads series 1-0)
Tonight's game
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's game
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas (3) vs. Portland (6)
(Dallas leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Portland at Dallas
Tomorrow's game
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Dallas at Portland, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 25
x-Portland at Dallas, TBD
Oklahoma City (4) vs. Denver (5)
(Oklahoma City leads series 1-0)
Tonight's game
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Denver, 10 p.m.
Monday, April 25
Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 27
x-Denver at Oklahoma City, TBD
x-played if necessary.

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Engine

While the Aveo's standard 108-horsepower four-cylinder engine typifies those found in this class, the Sonic roars to life with a 135-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder, or optional 138-horsepower turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder. Since both powerplants also see service in the larger and heavier Chevrolet Cruze sedan, you can expect the little Sonic to be a lively performer along with delivering respectable fuel economy.

Interior

Impressive design characteristics are featured in the Sonic's interior, where the dashboard and control panel exude an up-level quality rarely seen in the econo-car class.

An analog tachometer dominates the driver's field of vision, flanked by a rectangular screen displaying a digital speedometer, odometer and fuel gauge. Up-level models will offer two-tone dash and door-panel trim.

Body styling

There's obviously a lot more North American flavour built into the Sonic's design that now features a stubbier-looking nose with a more prominent grille and fancier headlight pods.

In back, the sedan appears somewhat similar to the outgoing Aveo sedan, while the stylish hatchback does a good job at hiding the rear door latches adjacent to the roof pillar. Also, the Sonic features fancy taillamps that were apparently inspired by motorcycle headlights.

▶ From stem to stern, the Sonic is aggressively styled with beady eyeballs, embossed front-fender arches and a plunging beltline. However, the design cues are not that much different than other cars in the class such as the Mazda2 or the Ford Fiesta.

Chevy hoping for Sonic boom

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You might have noticed the sudden flurry of small-car launches announced by many of the world's automakers.

You might have also noticed the steadily rising pump prices attributed to a certain oil-producing-nation's strife.

This volatility is bad news for drivers of big, thirsty vehicles, but it's the perfect storm for General Motors, which will this fall launch the all-new Sonic series of sub-compacts.

The Sonic replaces the Korea-built Aveo that has served as the automaker's entry model since the 2004 model year. Like the Aveo, the Sonic will be offered in both sedan and mini-wagon formats. However, unlike the Aveo, the Sonic will be constructed at GM's Orion, Mich. plant that was recently refitted to the tune of more than $500 million.

The Sonic's late-2011 arrival bolsters Chevy's focus on the svelte end of the passenger-car scale. Prices will likely begin at about $14,500 (including delivery charges), possibly slightly more for the hatchback version.

That should make for a super-Sonic buy in a class where automakers appear to be spending a lot more care and attention to detail than they were when gas was cheap and bigger was better. That's good news for buyers who are tired of fuel-price volatility and, up to now, had no real options.

▶ A look at the Sonic sedan.

9 Both Sonic body styles are larger than their outgoing Aveo counterparts by nearly nine centimetres in overall length and more than 7.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels. In the sub-compact class, these increases are significant and point to added front and rear passenger space.

▶ The Sonic looks the part of a mid-level sedan rather than an entry-level small car.

Sonic

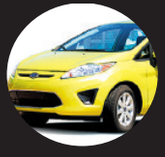
What you should know about the 2012 Chevrolet Sonic:

- **Types:** Four-door sub-compact sedan/hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.8-litre DOHC I4 (135); 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (138).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (1.8); six-speed automatic (opt., 1.8); Six-speed manual (1.4 turbo).
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.6/5.3 (1.8, MT, est.).

5 drive

By comparison

Ford Fiesta
Base price: $14,450
All-new sedan and hatchback models are easy on the eyes and easy on gas.



Honda Fit
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Mazda2
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RETRO ELECTRO IS HOT ROD FIRST, ELECTRIC CAR SECOND

Auto Pilot

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How do you maintain a cool, retro vibe with your vehicle fleet, when you're also trying to maintain a green vibe? Well, if you're the Steam Whistle Brewery, you create the Retro Electro — an all-electric 1958 Chevrolet Apache ½ ton pickup.

Retro Electro and the man behind it, Mike Kiraly, are usually tooling around the streets of Vancouver, checking in on Steam Whistle clients, but were in Toronto recently, to participate in last weekend's Green Living Show.

Kiraly let yours truly have a brief fling behind the wheel, which provoked a conflicted response. I didn't know whether to put my elbows out the window and light up a cigarette, or keep the windows up to conserve some electrical energy and compost the smoke.

Thankfully I don't smoke, so got over it quick, and just enjoyed the experience.

Not hard when you have 465 lb-ft of torque at your disposal. This is not an effete electric car, in the golf cart mode. It is a hot rod first, and an electric vehicle second. The Retro Electro launches like you would expect of something with that much grunt — aided by the absolutely linear torque curve of electric motors. And it does its thing in low volume — you only hear road noise and some gear whine.

And this is the "milder" version of Retro Electro. An earlier version, with lower gearing, was capable of smoking its tires in dragster-like fashion.

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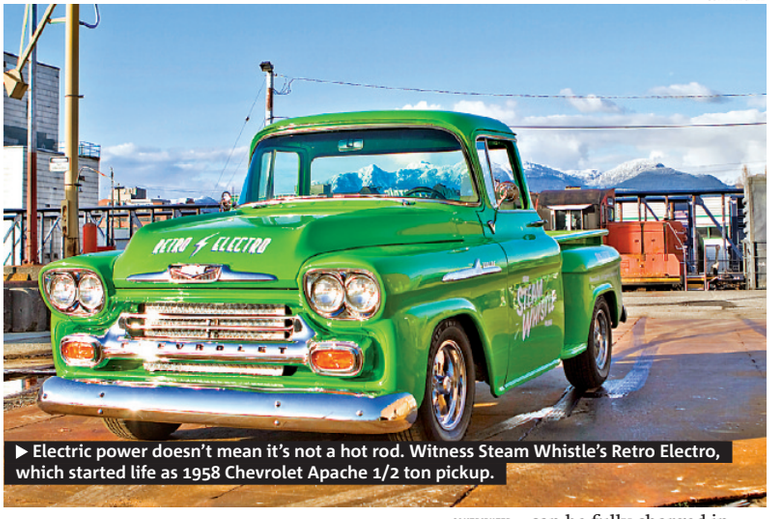

▶ Electric power doesn't mean it's not a hot rod. Witness Steam Whistle's Retro Electro, which started life as 1958 Chevrolet Apache 1/2 ton pickup.

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▶ Configuring a lithium ion battery pack is not for the faint of heart. Good thing Steam Whistle's Mike Kiraly is also a university professor.

Said motor is an Azure Dynamics AC90 electric motor, which is often retrofitted in larger panel trucks. It gets its juice from a very sophisticated lithium ion battery pack. It can be fully charged in eight hours on a 220V service, good for a range of about 150 kilometres.

To complete the green loop, Steam Whistle makes sure Retro Electro is always charged on renewable electricity from Bullfrog Power. In fact, the entire brewery only uses electricity from Bullfrog. Steam Whistle's other green initiatives include thicker beer bottles, which can be re-used more often, and running its delivery trucks with B20 bio fuel.

The electric drivetrain makes the vehicle about 500 pounds heavier than stock, and the batteries take up some cargo capacity, so it has lost some of its trucky usefulness, but is more than capable of fulfilling its mandate as a Steam Whistle work truck.

Just to make sure, I turn to Kiraly, who is riding shotgun, and ask him again, "You drive this every day, as part of your job?"

"Yeah," says Kiraly. "Pretty lucky guy, eh?"

Kiraly is also a guy with several facets to his personality. He spends half his workday as Steam Whistle's manager in B.C., and the other half as university professor teaching anatomy and physiology. He has several degrees, including a PhD in Endocrinology.

Now he's learned quite a lot putting this vehicle together for Steam Whistle. His teachers were an A-list of Vancouver-based experts, including Greg Murray of Electric Autosports and Trevor Stoker of Azure Dynamics.

He's ready to build another electric hot-rod. Judging by Retro Electro, he may be on to something.

Website

▶ For more on Retro Electro, check out steamwhistle.ca/retroelectro

The next-generation of alcohol detection

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Few things are more deadly than drunk driving, but it's very difficult to prevent people from getting behind the wheel if they're not willing to police themselves.

One possible solution is DADSS (Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety), a cooperative research project by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and ACTS, the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety.

The DADSS program is intended to research, develop and demonstrate non-invasive methods that quickly measure the driver's BAC, or blood alcohol concentration, each time the driver gets in. If the BAC is too high, the car won't start.

Unlike an ignition interlock, which requires the driver to blow into a breathalyzer and is often mandated by the courts for convicted drunk drivers, the DADSS system must work invisibly. Currently, researchers are looking at tissue spectrometry, which would estimate alcohol via the driver's skin when the vehicle's starter button is pushed, and at distant spectrometry, which would measure exhaled breath.

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▶ "A huge percentage doesn't drink, but they're affected by drunk drivers," says Wade Newton, who works for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

"There are tremendous challenges and most have to do with how complex a vehicle is itself," says Wade Newton, director of communications for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which works with ACTS.

"It's 3,000 parts working together in all temperature conditions, whether filled with passengers or empty, or maybe not maintained. The device and technology must work all the time."

Such technology, should it become feasible, could potentially be added to all new vehicles. For that reason, it must be invisible to the operator, Newton says.

"It can't inconvenience the sober driver," he says. "We need to be confident that it's not going to prevent a sober driver from operating the vehicle. A huge percentage doesn't drink, but they're affected by drunk drivers."

The research teams have a lot of work ahead.

The device must prevent the car from being started at precisely the legal limit of .08 BAC, "and they could be .0799 when they start and a few minutes later they cross over, and how do you handle that?" Newton says.

"That's one of the as-yet unanswered questions."

The breath-based system must be able to pinpoint the driver and not an intoxicated passenger.

"Successful technology will be able to tell where the breath is, how warm it is, where it's coming from. It wouldn't just be ambient in the vehicle," Newton says.

Overcoming such complexity takes time, and researchers are hoping to demonstrate the technology in a research vehicle by 2013.

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Before you hit the highway, make sure your motorcycle is ready

As our days slowly warm up, motorcycle owners are getting their wheels out of hibernation.

But before revving the engine, it's important that bikers take some time to get their motorcycles ready for the new season.

Preparing your bike is not only important from a maintenance perspective, but also to make sure that riding doesn't get too rough on the wallet.

"By asking the right questions and carefully bringing your bike out of storage, motorcycle owners will have a much greater chance of a safe and trouble-free 2011 motorcycle season," said Mauro Convertini, an insurance expert from Aviva Canada.

Before you head out onto the highway, here are a couple of preparations that Convertini suggests you take:

Test your equipment
Reinstall the battery and examine all fluid levels. Check for cracked tires, broken parts or leaking oil. Set the tire pressures back to riding specs.

Take it slow
Your skills will be rusty and road surfaces will be different than your last ride. Sand and salt deposits on the edge and corners of the roads may be hazardous.

Install an anti–theft device
There are a range of anti-theft devices designed for motorcycles and some insurance companies will offer you a discount if you install an approved one.

Check your insurance
Follow up with your insurance broker to ensure you have comprehensive coverage. Ask about discounts for bikers with safe driving records. **NEWS CANADA**

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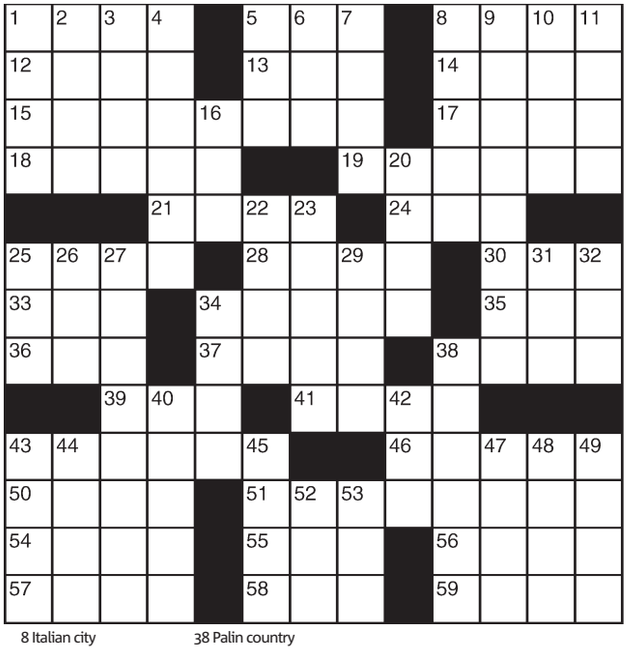

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5 Condi-tions
8 H.S. juniors' hurdle
12 — dixit
13 Commo-tion
14 Heche or Hathaway
15 Winter weather occurrence
17 — -tat-tat
18 Old saying
19 Laundry repository
21 8-Across, e.g.
24 Taxi
25 Socialist Eugene
28 Layer
30 Curvy letter
33 Exist
34 Courage
35 "Eureka!"
36 Lingerie item
37 Mimic
38 From the start
39 "Platoon" site, for short
41 Transaction
43 Oft-tapped trees
46 Low operatic voice
50 "American —"
51 Directing principle
54 Red tag event
55 Whatever amount
56 Welles portrayal
57 Portent
58 Golf gizmo
59 Favorable votes

Down
1 Isinglass
2 Two peas in —
3 Actress Fisher
4 Sills
5 Writer Fleming
6 Rx overseer
7 Second-year student
8 Italian city
9 Long-pod veggie
10 Initial chip
11 Rend
16 Gender
20 Farm fraction
22 On
23 Hetero-geneous
25 Light touch
26 Mess up
27 Tall, thin type
29 Hibernia
31 That girl
32 Recent horror film franchise
34 Auntie of Broadway
38 Palin country
40 "Annie Hall" director
42 Honest politician
43 Soybean paste
44 Leading man?
45 Lovers' quarrel
47 Remain
48 Logical
49 Raw rocks
52 Indivisible
53 Caustic solution

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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3	5	4	6	2	9	1	8	7
8	2	7	4	1	3	5	9	6
6	1	9	8	5	7	3	4	2

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A.N.

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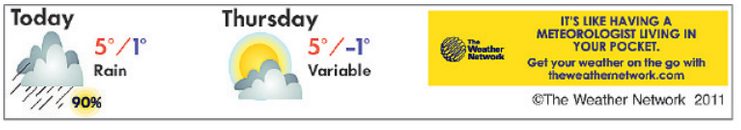

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may be tempted to go on a spree but you should keep your wallet in your pocket.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Start looking ahead to all the glorious things coming your way.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Look for the good in what other people do, and praise them for it at every chance.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You've been too caught up in your work of late. It's time to take a less demanding path.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 An issue that has been causing you pain can easily be dealt with today.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Get away from your usual environment. Do something different and exciting.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Family and friends will do whatever they can to help you out of a tricky situation today.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Relationship misunderstandings are a fact of life. It is how you deal with them that matters.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If someone makes you an offer that requires a lot of effort, turn it down. You'll survive.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What's your number one dream? Make it your priority.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want to persuade people, you will need to appeal to them on an emotional level.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you're holding back from letting others know what you believe, stop it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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